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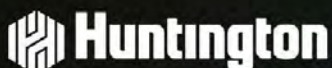
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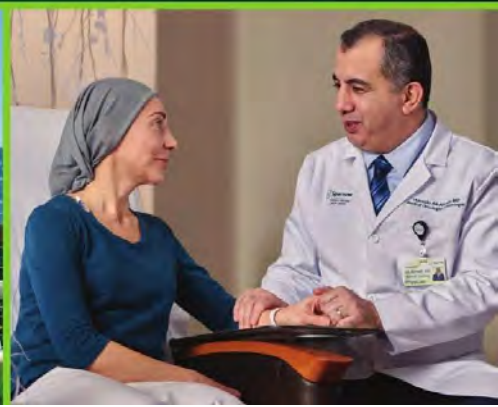


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# GAME NOTES



## Michigan State SPARTANS VS Nebraska CORNHUSKERS

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### SPARTAN FOOTBALL NEWS AND NOTES

- Michigan State returns to Big Ten action on Saturday, Sept. 25 to host Nebraska for the annual "Stripe the Stadium" game in Spartan Stadium at 7 p.m. as part of "Celebrate 2021" Weekend. The Spartans entered the national rankings this week after defeating then-No. 24 Miami last Saturday in Hard Rock Stadium, 38-17, to improve to 3-0 for the first time since 2015. MSU is ranked No. 20 in The Associated Press Poll and No. 21 in the USA TODAY/AFCA Coaches Poll. Nebraska (2-2, 0-1 Big Ten) lost at No. 3/3 Oklahoma, 23-16, last Saturday.
- Junior running back Kenneth Walker III, a transfer from Wake Forest, is having a dynamic start to the season. Walker leads the FBS in rushing (493 yards; 164.3 ypg) and also ranks second in the FBS in yards per carry (8.7), third in all-purpose yards (170.0 ypg), sixth in total touchdowns (6) and ninth in rushing TDs (5) and scoring (12.0 ppg). His 89.1 grade by Pro Football Focus ranks No. 2 in the country for running backs. He had a record-setting debut as a Spartan, rushing for a career-high 264 yards - the seventh-highest total in school history - while scoring a career-high four touchdowns to lead the Spartans past Northwestern on Sept. 3. It marked the most rushing yards by a Spartan in a debut wearing the Green and White. Walker became just the second Spartan to record more than 250 rushing yards and four touchdowns in the same game (Eric Allen, school-record 350 yards and four TDs vs. Purdue on Oct. 30, 1971). Walker was back at it in the victory at Miami, compiling 172 yards on the ground on 27 carries (6.4 avg.) while also catching three passes for 17 yards, including his first career TD reception on a 7-yard screen pass in the second quarter. Walker is averaging 218.0 rushing yards per game against FBS opponents this season (264 vs. Northwestern; 172 vs. Miami).
- Redshirt sophomore quarterback Payton Thorne was named the Big Ten Co-Offensive Player of the Week by the conference office on Monday and was also recognized as one of the Davey O'Brien Award's Great 8 performances of Week 3. Thorne became just the second Spartan quarterback in school history, joining Connor Cook, to throw for four touchdowns in back-to-back games during MSU's 38-17 victory at then-No. 24 Miami last Saturday at Hard Rock Stadium. Thorne threw for a career-high four TDs in the Week 2 win over Youngstown State,



Sophomore quarterback Payton Thorne was named to the Davey O'Brien Award's Great 8 list, along with being named one of the Manning Award Stars of the Week and was tabbed the Big Ten Co-Offensive Player of the Week for his performance at Miami. Thorne was 18-for-31 passing for 261 yards with a career-high tying four TDs for the second straight game. He becomes just the second Spartan quarterback in school history to throw for four touchdowns in back-to-back games (Connor Cook, 2015, vs. Indiana and Nebraska).

and matched that effort against the Hurricanes by completing 18-of-31 passes for 261 yards and four more touchdowns. Cook threw for four TDs in consecutive games against Indiana and Nebraska in 2015.

- Saturday's game marks the 12th meeting between Michigan State and Nebraska. The Huskers lead the all-time series, 9-2, including a 2-1 record in games played in Spartan Stadium. MSU is 2-4 against Nebraska in Big Ten games. In the last meeting on Nov. 17, 2018, Nebraska beat MSU, 9-6, in Lincoln. This marks Nebraska's first trip to East Lansing since 2014, a 27-22 victory for the Spartans.
- Five of MSU head coach Mel Tucker's 10 wins as a head coach have come against AP Top 25 opponents (2021: No. 24 Miami; 2020: No. 11 Northwestern and No. 13 Michigan; 2019: No. 25 Nebraska and No. 24 Arizona State at Colorado). Tucker is 5-4 overall against AP Top 25 opponents (2-2 at Colorado; 3-2 at MSU). He became the first Spartan head coach to defeat a ranked team (AP No. 11 Northwestern) in his first home win.
- Mel Tucker is 1-0 in his coaching career against Nebraska head coach Scott Frost as Colorado beat the No. 25 Huskers in overtime, 34-31, in Boulder on Sept. 7, 2019, during Tucker's first season as a head coach.
- The Spartans have scored 118 points in their first three games (38 vs. Northwestern, 42 vs. Youngstown State, 38 vs. Miami), marking the first time MSU has scored at least 38 points in its first three games since 2005 (49 vs. Kent State, 42 vs. Hawai'i, 44 vs. Notre Dame). MSU is currently second in the Big Ten and 29th in the FBS in scoring offense, averaging 39.3 points per game. Michigan State also ranks second in the Big Ten and 14th in the FBS in total offense (520.0 ypg) and third in the conference and 11th in the FBS in rushing offense (263.7 ypg).
- Michigan State inducted eight members into its Athletics Hall of Fame on Friday, Sept. 23. The Class of 2021 includes: Franklin Gomez (wrestling), Anthony Hamm (men's cross country/track and field), Carol Hutchins (softball/women's basketball), Lynn Janson (men's golf), Elizabeth (Shimek) Moeggenberg (women's basketball), Floor Rijpma (field hockey), Charles Rogers (football) and Ron Scott (hockey). The annual "Celebrate State" Weekend, which did not take place in 2020, also included the 11th-annual Varsity Letter Jacket presentation on Thursday, Sept. 22. The Hall of Fame Class of 2021 will also have a special recognition at halftime of the MSU-Nebraska game on Saturday.



## A QUICK GLANCE AT NEBRASKA (2-2, 0-1 BIG TEN)

- The Cornhuskers bring a 2-2 overall record and an 0-1 Big Ten ledger into Spartan Stadium for Saturday's matchup. Nebraska opened the season with a 30-22 loss at Illinois in conference action, before bouncing back with a 52-7 win over Fordham on Sept. 4 and a 28-3 win over Buffalo on Sept. 11.
- Nebraska is coming off a 23-16 loss at No. 3 Oklahoma in Norman. The Sooners opened a 14-3 lead late in the third quarter, before Nebraska scored a TD with eight seconds left in the third quarter to get within 14-9, but the extra point was blocked and OU ran it back for a defensive two-point conversion for a 16-9 lead. Oklahoma scored a TD early in the fourth for a 23-9 advantage, before the Huskers scored with 5:38 left on a 21-yard TD pass from junior quarterback Adrian Martinez to junior wide receiver Omar Manning to pull within 23-16. Nebraska got the ball back at its own 17-yard line with 57 seconds to play, but Martinez was sacked twice and the rally came up short.
- Martinez led the Husker offense with 19-of-25 passing for 289 yards and a TD, and had 17 rushes for 23 yards and a rushing TD, but was sacked five times. Redshirt freshman running back Rahmir Johnson had 11 rushes for 42 yards to go with three catches for 48 yards, while junior tight end Austin Allen led the receiving corps with six catches for 43 yards.
- Senior linebacker JoJo Domann spearheaded the Husker defense with a game-high 12 tackles, including one TFL, adding a pass break-up.
- Senior placekicker Connor Culp was 1-for-3 on field goals, making a 51-yarder in the first quarter, but missing from 50-yards in the second quarter and 35-yards in the third frame.
- The Huskers are ninth in the Big Ten in scoring offense (29.5 ppg), while ranking seventh in scoring defense (15.8 ppg).
- Nebraska's offense is fifth in the BIG in total offense per game (481.3), ranking fourth in passing offense (280.3 ypg), along with sixth in rushing offense (201.0 ypg).
- The Husker defense is 10th in total defense (346.3 ypg), ranking 11th in rushing defense (156.3 ypg) and sixth in passing defense (190.0 ypg).
- Individually, Martinez is second in the BIG in total offense (326.8 ypg), as well as fourth in passing (245.3 ypg). For the season, he is 65-of-99 passing (.657) with 1,017 yards with five TDs and one INT. Martinez is also the Huskers' leading rusher with 51 carries for 290 yards (5.7 ypc/72.5 ypg) with four TDs.
- Senior wide receiver Samori Toure has been Martinez's prime target with 16 catches for 333 yards (20.8 ypc/83.3 ypg) with two TDs.
- Sophomore linebacker Luke Reimer leads the Husker defense with 28 total tackles with



## NO. 20/21 MICHIGAN STATE

(3-0, 1-0 BIG)

**Head Coach:** Mel Tucker (Wisconsin, 1995)

**MSU Record:** 5-5 (.500), 2nd year

**Overall Record:** 10-12 (.455), 3rd year

Sept. 3	at Northwestern*	W, 38-21
Sept. 11	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	W, 42-14
Sept. 18	at No. 24/RV Miami	W, 38-17
Sept. 25	NEBRASKA*	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	WESTERN KENTUCKY (HC)	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	at Rutgers*	12 p.m.
Oct. 16	at Indiana*	12 p.m.
Oct. 30	MICHIGAN*	TBA
Nov. 6	at Purdue*	TBA
Nov. 13	MARYLAND*	TBA
Nov. 20	at Ohio State*	TBA
Nov. 27	PENN STATE*	TBA

\* = Big Ten Conference game

2021 Team Statistics	MSU	OPP
Scoring	118	52
Points Per Game	39.3	17.3
Rushing Yardage	791	336
Average per rush	6.8	3.1
Average per game	263.7	112.0
TDs rushing	7	2
Passing Yardage	769	808
Comp.-Att.-Int.	53-85-0	84-135-3
Average per game	256.3	269.3
TDs Passing	9	5
Total Offense	1,560	1,144
Average per game	520.0	381.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	3-2
Third Down Conversions	15-34 (44 %)	23-57 (40 %)
Sacks By-Yards	8-43	5-37

### 2021 Michigan State Leaders

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Kenneth Walker III	57	493	8.6	5
Jordan Simmons	23	132	5.7	0
Payton Thorne	16	51	3.2	1

Passing Yards	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds.	TD
Payton Thorne	48-77-0	62.3	726	9
Anthony Russo	5-7-0	71.4	43	0

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Jayden Reed	12	277	23.1	3
Jalen Nailor	10	141	14.1	3
Tre Mosley	7	123	17.6	0

Tackles	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL
Xavier Henderson	17	8	25	3.0-16
Cal Haladay	6	13	19	0.5-1
Quavaris Crouch	9	8	17	1.0-6



## NEBRASKA

(2-2, 0-1 BIG)

**Head Coach:** Scott Frost (Nebraska, 1997)

**NEB Record:** 14-22 (.389), 4th year

**Overall Record:** 33-29 (.532), 6th year

Aug. 28	at Illinois*	L, 30-22
Sept. 4	FORDHAM	W, 52-7
Sept. 11	BUFFALO	W, 28-3
Sept. 18	at No. 3/3 Oklahoma	L, 23-16
Sept. 25	at No. 20/21 Michigan State*	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	NORTHWESTERN*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	MICHIGAN*	TBA
Oct. 16	at Minnesota*	TBA
Oct. 30	PURDUE*	TBA
Nov. 6	OHIO STATE*	TBA
Nov. 20	at Wisconsin*	TBA
Nov. 26	IOWA*	1:30 p.m.

\* = Big Ten Conference game

2021 Team Statistics	NEB	OPP
Scoring	118	63
Points per game	29.5	15.8
Rushing Yardage	815	625
Average per rush	4.5	4.3
Average per game	203.8	156.3
TDs rushing	12	3
Passing Yardage	1,121	760
Comp.-Att.-Int.	70-107-1	84-133-4
Average per game	280.3	190.0
TDs Passing	5	4
Total Offense	1,936	1,385
Average per game	484.0	346.3
Fumbles-Lost	7-4	2-1
Third Down Conversions	31-62 (50 %)	25-59 (42 %)
Sacks By-Yards	4-21	11-65

### 2021 Nebraska Leaders

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Adrian Martinez	51	290	5.7	4
Markese Stepp	30	128	4.3	1
Gabe Ervin Jr.	37	124	3.4	2

Passing Yards	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds.	TD
Adrian Martinez	65-99-1	65.7	1,017	5
Logan Smothers	5-8-0	62.5	104	0

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Samori Toure	16	333	20.81	2
Austin Allen	13	135	10.38	0
Omar Manning	7	132	18.86	1

Tackles	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL
Luke Reimer	17	18	35	1.0-1
Henrich, Nick	11	19	30	1.0-2
Domann, JoJo	15	8	23	3.0-6



0.5 TFL, one INT, one pass break-up and one forced fumble. Senior safety Deontai Williams adds 24 stops and a team-high two INTs.

- Culp is 3-for-8 on field goals, with his 51-yard upright split his season-long, and is 13-of-16 on PATs.
- Freshman punter Daniel Cerni punted in the first three games, with 12 punts for a 36.0 ypp average with a long of 46 with four inside the 20. Former MSU punter sophomore William Przystup handled the punting duties at Oklahoma, with two punts for a 50.0 ypp average with a long of 52 yards.
- Nebraska head coach Scott Frost is 14-22 in his fourth year at his alma mater, and has a 33-29 overall record in his six seasons as a head coach.

## LAST TIME OUT: MSU 38, NO. 24 MIAMI 17

- Michigan State earned its first win over Miami in the five-game series history, as last Saturday was the first meeting since 1989.

## OFFENSE

- Junior running back Kenneth Walker III registered his second 100-yard rushing outing of the season, with 172 yards on 27 carries, joining his 264-yard Spartan debut at Northwestern on Sept. 3 . . . with a 26-yard scamper in the first quarter, Walker III now has at least one rush of 24-plus yards in each of the three games this season, with a long of 75-yards in the season-opener at Northwestern and 24-yards last week vs. Youngstown State . . . Walker added to that with a 25-yard run in the second quarter.

- Walker recorded his first reception of the season with a second-quarter catch and later snared the first TD reception of his collegiate career with a 7-yard TD pass from Thorne.
- Walker now has at least one TD in each of the three games, with a career-best four rushing TDs in the opener at Northwestern, adding one rushing score last week vs. Youngstown State.
- Redshirt sophomore quarterback Payton Thorne was 18-for-31 passing for 261 yards with a career-high tying four TDs for the second straight game . . . Thorne becomes just the second Spartan quarterback in school history to throw for four touchdowns in back-to-back games (Connor Cook, 2015, vs. Indiana and Nebraska) . . . Thorne has nine TD passes this season.
- Junior wide receiver Jalen Nailor snared a TD catch for the second straight game with his career-high tying two scoring catches as part of four receptions for 82 yards, both team-highs on the day . . . Nailor's two TDs matched his career-high vs. Penn State (12/12/20) . . . he now has at least one TD catch in each of the last two games as part of nine career TD receptions.
- Junior wide receiver Jayden Reed had three catches for 32 yards with one TD, adding two rushes for 17 yards and another TD . . . Reed now has three overall TDs in last two games with one TD reception last week.

## DEFENSE

- Michigan State forced a season-high four turnovers (interceptions by Angelo Grose and Ronald Williams; forced fumbles by Jeff Pietrowski and Drew Beesley).

- Senior safety Xavier Henderson has now led or shared the lead for the MSU defense in all three games this season . . . Henderson had eight tackles Saturday, as he has had eight or more stops in all three games, led by a career-high tying nine tackles in season-opener vs. Northwestern.
- Senior defensive end Drew Beesley tied a career-high with two sacks, matching his 2.0 sacks last season vs. Northwestern (11/28/20) . . . Beesley now has 6.5 career sacks as part of 13.5 career tackles for loss . . . the forced fumble was the second of his career.
- Senior cornerback Ronald Williams and sophomore safety Angelo Grose both snared their first career interceptions with Williams' fourth-quarter INT and Grose's second-quarter oskie.
- Graduate senior defensive end Jacob Panasiuk played in his 47th career game, which leads all active offense and defense Spartan players, trailing only placekicker Matt Coghlin . . . Panasiuk added one tackle for loss, on the game's first play from scrimmage, and now has 3.0 TFLs this season and 24.0 for his career.

## SPECIAL TEAMS

- Redshirt senior punter Bryce Baringer's 65-yard punt in the third quarter was a new season-long, bettering a 57-yarder from Northwestern game (9/3/21) . . . Baringer punted five times Saturday for a career-high 54.6 ypp average, and tied a career-high with four going for 50+ yards, adding a 57-yarder and a 52-yarder in the first half to go with a 51-yarder in the third quarter.



Michigan State and Nebraska will honor the memories of Mike Sadler and Sam Foltz prior to the game on Saturday, as Mike's mother, Karen, and sister, Katie, along with Sam's parents Jill and Gerald Foltz, will participate in the coin toss. The families will also trade jerseys at midfield. Mike Sadler and Sam Foltz were both tragically killed in a car accident on July 23, 2016, while working a kicking camp near Waukesha, Wisconsin. This marks the first time Nebraska has played in East Lansing since the tragic accident; Nebraska also held a pregame ceremony at Memorial Stadium during MSU's visit to Lincoln in 2018. On the field, Sadler was a master of his craft and one of the greatest and most productive punters in program history. In the classroom, he achieved an ever rarer feat, becoming the first student-athlete at Michigan State to earn Academic All-America honors four times. A two-time first-team All-Big Ten selection, Sadler earned first-team All-America accolades during MSU's Big Ten and Rose Bowl Championship season in 2013. He was posthumously inducted into the MSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2016. Foltz was named the 2015 Big Ten Punter of the Year for the Huskers.



Michigan State will honor the memory of former Spartan Mylan Hicks prior to the game on Saturday. Hicks was tragically killed in a shooting five years ago on Sept. 25, 2016, in Calgary, Alberta. Hicks, a native of Detroit, Michigan, was 23 (1993-2016). A three-year letterwinner from 2012-14, Hicks played cornerback, safety and linebacker for the Spartans and was a member of the Big Ten and Rose Bowl Champion Spartans in 2013. He earned his bachelor's degree in psychology in August 2014 and was named the defensive recipient of MSU's Biggie Munn Award (most inspirational player) as a senior.





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# MICHIGAN STATE ATHLETICS ANNOUNCES 2021 HALL OF FAME CLASS

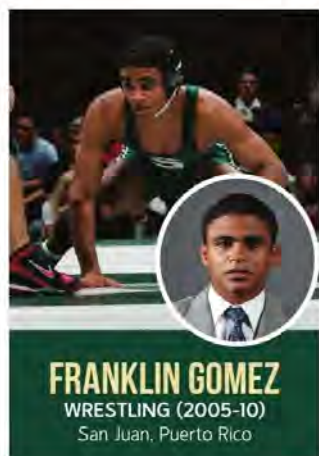


Michigan State is inducting eight Spartans into its Athletics Hall of Fame this weekend as part of its annual "Celebrate" weekend. The 2021 Hall of Fame Class includes: Franklin Gomez (wrestling), Anthony Hamm (men's cross country/track and field), Carol Hutchins (softball/women's basketball), Lynn Janson (men's golf), Elizabeth (Shimek) Moeggenberg (women's basketball), Floor Rijpma (field hockey), Charles Rogers (football) and Ron Scott (hockey).

The Celebrate 2021 weekend included the 11th-annual Varsity Letter Jacket Presentation on Thursday night and the Hall of Fame induction ceremony last night, along with a special recognition of the 2021 MSU Athletics Hall of Fame Class during today's Michigan State-Nebraska football game at Spartan Stadium.

The MSU Athletics Hall of Fame, located in the Clara Bell Smith Student-Athlete Academic Center, opened on Oct. 1, 1999, and displays plaques of the 154 previous inductees. The charter class of 30 former Spartan student-athletes, coaches and administrators was inducted in 1992.

Below are excerpts of the features on the eight inductees for the 2021 Michigan State Athletics Hall of Fame Class. For the complete features, please visit [MSUSpartans.com](http://MSUSpartans.com).



**FRANKLIN GOMEZ**  
WRESTLING (2005-10)  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

When Franklin Gomez was a student-athlete wrestling for Michigan State, he would often see all the plaques for academic and athletic honors in the Clara Bell Smith Student-Athlete Academic Center and wonder what it took to get there. Well, Gomez doesn't have to wonder anymore, as his picture and name will be up there as a member of the MSU Athletics Hall of Fame.

"I wasn't really expecting it, because I've been so consumed with my training and competing, but hadn't really realized that I was even up for this honor," Gomez said recently while training for the Tokyo Olympics, his third representing Puerto Rico, the first Puerto Rican to qualify to three Olympics.

"But after thinking and reflecting on it, I'm just super honored," Gomez said proudly. "It's a blessing, because I remember being at the Smith Center, walking in and seeing all the pictures of all the Academic All-Americans, and then all the Athletics Hall of Fame of all those great Spartan athletes and wondering how those people got there. I saw the wrestler, Kelvin Jackson, and lots of other, older folks, wrestlers and other athletes, and just thinking 'wow, how do people make it up there, that's got to be really tough and what an honor for them.'"

Gomez is the Spartans' last National Champion, winning the 2009 NCAA title at 133 pounds. A two-time Big Ten Champion for MSU at 133 pounds in 2008 and 2009, Gomez amassed 119 career wins for the Spartans from 2006-10 and is tied for sixth all-time on the career wins list at Michigan State. A total of 15 of his wins came in NCAA Championship action, tied for fourth on MSU's all-time NCAA Tournament wins list.

That success helped Gomez earn selection for the MSU Athletics Hall of Fame, and he beams with pride knowing that his plaque will be in the Smith Center.

"I think it's going to be really special in the sense that it's not necessarily because my image is there, but special in a sense because I remember the Smith Center being such a huge advantage and help for me with my education at Michigan State. Coming from Puerto Rico, I needed a little extra help with school, so I was always in the Smith Center and all those people that helped me in my education mean so much to me to help me get to where I am today. So in that sense, I have an extra emotional connection to the Hall of Fame in the Smith Center, because I know I wouldn't have been able to make it without the Smith Center and the help I received there, so to have my picture in the Hall of Fame in that building is extra special."

Gomez will be able to laugh to himself thinking about his first impressions of the Smith Center in his early days at MSU.

"I used to think that it was just for academic honors, and didn't know all the criteria and I didn't think I would ever make it," Gomez said with a laugh. "But then when I learned that the Hall of Fame was for athletic success as well, I thought, 'well maybe someday I can be good enough to be up there.' The Smith Center is all about helping people with their academics as well as athletics, so it's a great honor to be in there."

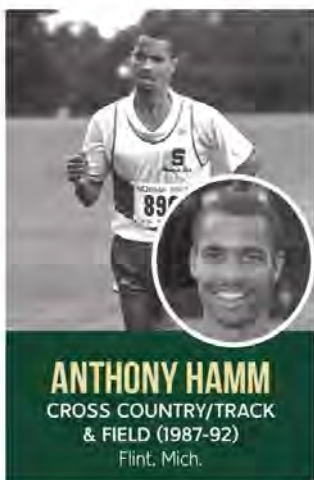
Gomez earned his bachelor's degree from MSU in human resources and went on to earn his master's in business administration from Penn State, where he coaches freestyle wrestling and trains with the Nittany Lion Wrestling Club, making sure to proudly wear his Spartan gear.

Gomez was an extra special Spartan wrestler, but knows that he came from strong roots at Michigan State, and has a strong understanding and appreciation that he was able to accomplish everything that he did with hard work and some help from lots of people, including many in the Smith Center. He has an extra sense of gratitude and hopes to pay-it-forward to current and future Spartans.

"It's a tremendous honor to be in the Hall of Fame. Being in the Smith Center and being able to have other Spartan student-athletes see that, and to see that diversity. Coming from my background and a different country kind of shows that you can come from anywhere, any town, any country and if you go to the right place with the right resources like Michigan State, you can definitely accomplish everything and anything you prepare for, because they'll help you succeed and help you do anything, for me completing the American dream," Gomez said beaming with pride.

For the complete Gomez feature, please visit [MSUSpartans.com](http://MSUSpartans.com).





There is something about Flint, Michigan, that draws elite athletes to Michigan State. Before there were the Flintstones there was Anthony Hamm, who left his mark on both the Spartan cross country and track & field teams. The six-time All-American has found all-around success on the track and on the cross country course.

Hamm follows a long tradition of Michigan State distance runners into the Hall of Fame, including Crawford Kennedy, Ken Popejoy and Anne Pewe.

Upon hearing of his induction to the MSU Hall of Fame from Michigan State Director of Athletics Bill Beekman, Hamm was full of pride.

"He called and introduced himself, and I didn't have any idea I was being inducted, so it was puzzling," Hamm said. "So when he said that I'm being inducted into the Hall of Fame, it was just a lot of pride. I'm a Spartan at heart, and I bleed Green and White. I just felt like it was a tremendous honor being selected, with all the great athletes that have come in and out of Michigan State, so I just had a lot of pride."

His illustrious career includes capturing two outdoor Big Ten Championships in the 10,000 meters. In 1991, he won the title with a stellar time of 29:11.83. He repeated the title in 1992 with a time of 30:02.38. Hamm is one of only six athletes in the Big Ten to repeat titles in the 10k.

"I am really proud of the Big Ten championships for track and field," Hamm said. "I won a couple of Big Ten titles in the 10,000 meters on the track, and going to the National Championships. Then really, the big thing is, the relationships that I developed, great friends and teammates. Coach (Jim) Bibbs, Coach (Jim) Stintzi, those are the relationships that I just cherish: they are great people. So, those are some of the best memories that I have of my time at Michigan State."

Hamm's success translated well from the track to the cross country course. He began his illustrious Spartan career earning Big Ten Cross Country Freshman of the Year honors in 1987. Hamm helped Michigan State finish in the top five in the Big Ten Championships three times, including a second-place team finish in 1988. He is still the only Spartan men's cross country runner to be a four-time All-American. A three-time participant in the NCAA Cross Country Championships, Hamm helped MSU finish as high as sixth in 1991.

His competitive running did not end once he left East Lansing. Hamm ran professionally for six years with Adidas, where he ran marathons, 10,000m and road races.

"I have just a great appreciation for all the opportunities that Michigan State has provided for me. I'm originally from Flint, Michigan, and just getting the opportunity to be able to go away to college to a good university, to get a good education, and then to have opportunity to run and compete, all over the U.S. I was able to develop great friendships. I love being a Michigan State Spartan, I bleed Green and White," Hamm said.

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Softball and basketball standout Carol Hutchins, a 1979 graduate, adds the Michigan State Athletics Hall of Fame to her considerable list of career accomplishments. Already on her resume is a spot in the Greater Lansing Sports Hall of Fame (2000), the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Hall of Fame (2006) and Michigan Athletics Hall of Fame (2011), showing just a portion of the impact she has had throughout her career. An AIAW National Champion as an undergraduate, she's now the NCAA's winningest active softball coach, with nearly 1,700 victories to her credit. Her coaching tree is lush with collegiate head and assistant coaches who have followed in the steps of their mentor.

Those accolades, however, likely pale in comparison to the lives she's impacted throughout her career as a standout athlete, championship-level coach, and most importantly, vocal advocate for the women in her charge. She's brushed off her own opportunities for the spotlight to tilt the light instead toward her players. (She once deflected an interview request after an NCAA regional win because the athletes in uniform "are the ones with the dream, the ones who did the hard work to get here.")

Her upbringing in Lansing - one of six children who grew up playing all sports in her backyard - cultivated her career path from an early age, even if she didn't quite put it all together until later. Growing up a mile and a half from the MSU campus, she idolized Duffy Daugherty and MSU's football program. When she learned that being a college athlete was something she could pursue, it became her dream. While her parents may have preferred that she start at the more affordable Lansing Community College, she made it known that she would be attending Michigan State if the acceptance letter came.

"I finally got my Michigan State University acceptance letter that August," recalls Hutchins - or "Hutch," to anyone who knows her. "It was truly the happiest day of my life. It was my dream - it was where I wanted to go my whole life."

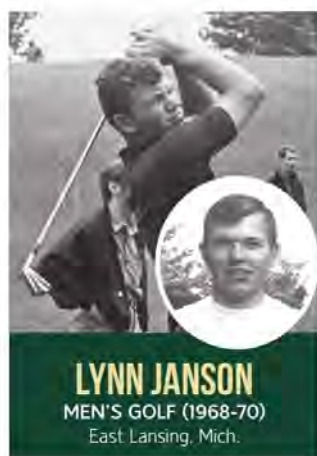
Earning a starting spot at shortstop her freshman season, she helped pilot the softball program to an Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) National championship in 1976 - prior to the NCAA sponsoring championships for women. A two-sport athlete who lettered in basketball in addition to softball, she recalls that the women leading those programs played a large part of helping forge her career path.

"I wanted to be that person that everyone was to me when I was a young athlete," recalls Hutchins. "I wanted to be what Karen Langeland was to me, what Diane Ulibarri was to me. I remember [former track & field coach] Nell Jackson being this elegant, fine woman who set an example. I changed colleges, but I never left college. My experience at Michigan State is really what drew me into my love for that particular area of athletics. It was my senior year of high school before we were considered 'varsity athletes' - we were just happy to be there, and I don't know that we knew all of what our coaches were doing behind the scenes to try to give us an equal opportunity, to ensure that we weren't an afterthought."

Hutchins was named the head softball coach at the University of Michigan in 1985 after two years as an assistant coach for the Wolverines, and over the last 37 years has built UM into a perennial Big Ten and NCAA contender. More important to her, however, is how that has happened. She stresses a family atmosphere within her program - with hallmarks of hard work, supporting one another and of course some tough love. Expectations and accountability must be high. The how has always been of the utmost importance, with the end product producing the high level of success that is the end goal.

*For the complete Hutchins feature, please visit [MSUSpartans.com](http://MSUSpartans.com).*





For Lynn Janson, golf and Michigan State always went hand in hand. The East Lansing native grew up just across Grand River Avenue from Old College Field and it's where his first memories of the game come to mind.

"There was a practice green on Old College Field, right where the Red Cedar River takes a turn," Janson described. "They had two bunkers. So from my house, we could walk. If the water level was low enough, you could walk across stones and you were right there. I could practice all I wanted there."

All that practicing at the former Old College Field range and later Forest Akers Golf Course helped make Janson into one of the best golfers in MSU history. Janson became a three-time All-American and two-time All-Big Ten performer and led the Spartans to the program's first Big Ten Championship in 1969.

"Bruce Fossum was determined to put together a good team and start winning," Janson said. "Winning the Big Ten Championship was a goal and it was expressed right when we got here. We had myself, Lee Edmundson and Rick Woulfe, so we had some good players and Bruce as determined that we were going to do some winning. I have to give Bruce a lot of credit."

While golf is the sport in which Janson would excel, growing up it wasn't always his top priority.

"I played baseball well enough; I played my freshman year and played all positions," Janson said. "I was an All-State basketball player, but golf didn't come that easily. It really didn't. I liked it right away and got serious about it at age 12 or 13, but I had to work at it."

"I decided that if I was going to do something beyond high school, it was going to be golf, so that's what I worked at."

As Janson's game continued to flourish, he knew that what was his de-facto home course, Forest Akers, would turn into his official home course, electing to attend MSU and play collegiately for the Spartans.

"It was pretty much Michigan State automatically," Janson said. "I knew the guy that ran Forest Akers, and after that I got to know Bruce Fossum really well. So, I knew those people and it was Michigan State all the way. I knew some of the older guys that went to Michigan State, so it was always Michigan State."

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The photo has become iconic. Lindsay Bowen on the back of Elizabeth (Shimek) Moeggenberg after rallying back from 16 points down to upset powerhouse Tennessee in the 2005 Final Four. Moeggenberg was a part of the Michigan State women's basketball team that changed the program forever.

The Empire, Michigan, native will now take her place among the best of the best in MSU history. She joins teammate Kristin Haynie (2017), along with Mary Kay Itnyre (2015), Diane Spoelstra (2012) and Kisha (Kelley) Simpson (2011), as the only MSU women's basketball players in the Michigan State Athletics Hall of Fame.

Upon hearing she was being inducted Moeggenberg said, "I'm kind of speechless when you think about it. You think of all the phenomenal athletes that have gone through Michigan State and to be one that's going to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. It's a huge honor. When I think of my teammate Kristin (Haynie), who was inducted back in 2018 it was just a great experience. She was such a role model and such a great leader and a great teammate. We went down for the ceremony. I am really just speechless."

Moeggenberg left Michigan State as the Spartans' all-time leading scorer with 1,780 points. She now stands third all-time in points scored and still remains first in field goals made with 719. The forward is one of only two Spartans to earn All-American honors twice. Moeggenberg is one of only six MSU women's basketball players to earn All-Big Ten honors all four seasons. She also left her mark in the classroom as well, earning CoSIDA Academic All-American honors in both 2005 and 2006.

The 2005 season was the most successful in MSU women's basketball history. The Spartans ended the season ranked No. 2 in the final USA Today/ESPN Coaches poll, earning their highest-ever national ranking. Michigan State's starting five featured Moeggenberg, Kristin Haynie, Kelli Roehrig, Lindsay Bowen and Victoria Lucas-Perry. MSU averaged 71.0 points per game, while allowing only 58.2. Those stats were bolstered by a 67-51 win over No. 11 UConn on Dec. 29, 2004, as the

10th-ranked Spartans not only won on the Huskies' tough home court, but also dealt them their worst home loss in 12 years.

Looking back on that magical season, Moeggenberg found it hard to not think about ups and downs of such a memorable year.

"All that we went through as a team and how close we were and what great leadership we had with Kristin (Haynie) and Kelli (Roehrig) being the seniors on that team. It's such a cool memory that we all will share together. We pass it on to our children, and we share about it if we're in the coaching field or just in life," Moeggenberg said. "You learned so many lessons being a collegiate athlete, not just because we were successful, but just being a collegiate athlete. You just learned so many life lessons that you hope to pass on your own children are the people in your life that you are a role model to."

Moeggenberg's hard work during her collegiate career translated to even more success as she left East Lansing. She followed her MSU career with several years in the WNBA and a stint playing overseas until 2009. Ultimately, she returned to her roots on the family farm, working side by side with her parents. She also has returned to the basketball world as the varsity assistant coach at her alma mater Glen Lake High School. Moeggenberg and her husband, Luke, a former MSU wrestler, are also busy parents to four kids.

"I think the list to thank people could be pretty endless. I mean all the way from all my coaches growing up, to my high school coaches, to my family, of course my parents, Tom and Linda, and my brother, my sister and all my teammates throughout my career in high school. And all my teammates in college and obviously as you get more and more intense, I think that the bonds even gets better as you train together more and are with each other a lot more," said Moeggenberg. "And then my husband, Luke, I mean he's just the rock in my life. He traveled overseas with me, and left his career to come and be with me so we could be together and then when we got back, he started his own construction company."

Moeggenberg doesn't need that iconic picture of her and Bowen to ignite her Michigan State memories. The highs and lows of that incredible ride during the 2005 season are seared into her memory. It isn't only come-from-behind wins from the Joanne P. McCallie-led team that she remembers, but also the tough practices with a tight-knit team.

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Coming to Michigan State as a 17-year-old from the Netherlands and walking through the Clara Bell Smith Student-Athlete Academic Center and seeing the names and accolades of legendary Spartan athletes who came before her, field hockey player Floor Rijpma never really thought that she would join that list.

But after one of the most prolific careers in program history, Rijpma admits she was overwhelmed when she received the call that she was selected to the Michigan State Athletics Hall of Fame.

"I was just flabbergasted," Rijpma said via FaceTime from her home in The Netherlands. "You know when you're young and walking through the building and you see all of these names and the banners and they talk about it, but you never think that your name will be up there with them. That's great, that's major, that's awesome. There's not a hair on my head that would say I would up be there in 10 years with all of those other names."

"I think it's a great honor, a great privilege. I'm just so honored to have been chosen."

Rijpma was a two-time First Team All-American and helped lead MSU to three straight NCAA Tournament appearances, including reaching the regional finals in both 2008 and 2009. The Spartans went 6-0 in league play in 2009 to win their first-ever outright Big Ten regular season title and captured the conference tournament title to become just the second team in league history to finish the regular season undefeated and win the Big Ten Tournament.

"You can always say when we went to the Final 16, or some other wins, but it would take away all of the other moments," Rijpma said when asked of any specific games that stood out in her career. "What I feel the most proud about when I look back on those days and those times were the complete team and family that we had here."

"Coming here, and going to college, they say in America that the team would truly become your family," Rijpma recalled. "When you're a foreigner, at 17-years of age and having your team to rely on basically 24-7 and going through everything with them, the bad and good times, that was completely true. This team became my family."

Rijpma recalled the transition she made, moving from her home in Bunnik, The Netherlands, and arriving at Michigan State on a January day in 2005.

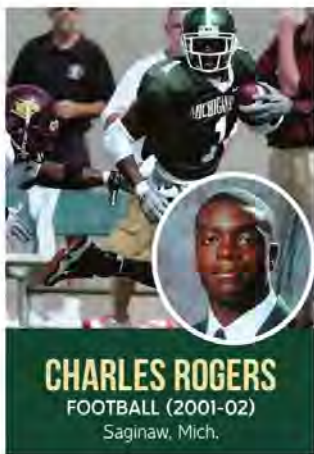
"My mom just recently moved and she brought me all of these pictures from when I was younger and one was me at the airport leaving for America," Rijpma recalled. "I remember her saying we're not coming with you and not because we don't love you, but because we know you can do this. You just go and take on the world."

"When I got to the States, I came in January, and it's not like it is during the fall or summer, from a weather standpoint. I think I was in Wilson Hall and I can STILL remember hearing this train at night, every night. Those first days, weeks maybe, were the hardest because you don't even know anyone."

In addition to getting to know her teammates, Rijpma said having a couple of fellow Dutch teammates, coaches in Rolf van de Kerkhof and Helen Knull and the support she received at MSU helped her transition.

"The organization of the athletic department and the support we had (here), you can never know how much important that was for us," she said. "Being able to play in sports and excel in the area of academics, because of the entire support team that we had access to, it just made for an incredible experience in terms of going to school and playing your sport."

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In just two seasons wearing the Green and White in 2001 and 2002, Charles Rogers rewrote the Michigan State record book and became one of the greatest wide receivers in school history.

A native of Saginaw, Michigan, Rogers is still MSU's all-time leader in touchdown catches with 27 and ranks third in school history in receiving yards (2,821) and eighth in catches (135) - even though he only played in 24 collegiate games. He still owns the top-two MSU single-season marks for receiving yards (1,470 in 2001 and 1,351 in 2002) and TD catches (14 in 2001 and 13 in 2002), and his 20.90 yards per catch during his career ranks second in the school record book, trailing only College Football Hall of Famer Kirk Gibson (20.96).

Rogers has six of the top-20 single-game receiving performances in Spartan history, including a school-record 270 yards against Fresno State in the 2001 Silicon Valley Bowl. In addition, he produced a school-record 12 100-yard receiving games in his career and is the only Spartan to record multiple 200-yard receiving games. Rogers was recently named to FOX Sports' All-Time Big Ten Team, which was released in July 2021.

Rogers passed away at the age of 38 in 2019, but is still revered by his teammates.

"Charles was a special player - athletically, he was phenomenal," said former teammate Lorenzo Guess, who is now the associate head strength and conditioning coach for the Spartans. "His energy was awesome, and he really loved the game and his teammates. He was very loyal to everyone he played with and he had tremendous respect from everybody. He was a real person. Sometimes you might have the best player on the team and people don't relate to him, but Charles related with everybody."

A five-star recruit, Rogers arrived in East Lansing as one of the most decorated prospects in the history of the program. He was rated the No. 1 overall player in the class of 2000 by ESPN.com after recording 126 receptions for 2,644 yards (21.0 avg.) and 39 TDs as a three-year starter at Saginaw High School. As a senior in 1999, Rogers caught 40 passes for 760 yards (19.0 avg.) and 14 touchdowns and had a 60-yard TD reception in the Division 2 state championship game, helping Saginaw to its only state football title with a 14-7 win over Birmingham Brother Rice. He also won four individual state track titles, including the 200 meters in 2000, 400 in 1999 and 100 and 200 in 1998.

After sitting out the 2000 season, the 6-4, 205-pound Rogers made his debut in 2001 and made an immediate impact. He set MSU single-season records for receptions (67), receiving yards (1,470), touchdown receptions (14) and 100-yard receiving games (6) in his first year on the active roster. He also became the first Spartan receiver to average at least 20.0 yards per catch (21.9 avg.) since Andre Rison in 1988 en route to earning second-team All-Big Ten honors from the media. In MSU's 17-10 win at Notre Dame on Sept. 22, Rogers caught a third-and-6 pass from Ryan Van Dyke and sprinted 47 yards before diving into the end zone for the game-winning touchdown.

"I had to go against him in practice all the time," recalled Guess, laughing. "He was the fastest person I've ever gone against. During one practice, we were in

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**82 Kameron Allen**  
TE • Fr.  
Forney, Texas



**64 Matt Allen**  
C • Gr.-6  
Hinsdale, Ill.



**76 AJ Arcuri**  
OT • Gr.-6  
Powell, Ohio



**53 Brandon Baldwin**  
OT • So.  
Detroit, Mich.



**99 Bryce Baringer**  
P • Sr.-5  
Waterford, Mich.



**8 Simeon Barrow**  
DT • R-Fr.  
Groveto, Ga.



**86 Drew Beesley**  
DE • Gr.-6  
Rochester Hills, Mich.



**44 Adam Berghorst**  
TE • Jr.  
Zeeland, Mich.



**44 Samih Beydoun**  
LB • So.  
Novi, Mich.



**11 Antoine Booth II**  
CB • Fr.  
Jessup, Md.



**77 Ethan Boyd**  
OL • Fr.  
East Lansing, Mich.



**0 Charles Brantley**  
CB • Fr.  
Sarasota, Fla.



**33 Kendell Brooks**  
DB • Jr.  
Swansea, S.C.



**19 Itayvion Brown**  
DE • R-Fr.  
St. Louis, Mo.



**13 Sebastian Brown**  
WR • R-Fr.  
Detroit, Mich.



**58 Spencer Brown**  
OL • R-So.  
Commerce Township, Mich.



**57 Evan Brunning**  
DT • R-So.  
Oxford, Mich.



**69 Blake Bueter**  
OL • Sr.-5  
Howell, Mich.



**62 Luke Campbell**  
OL • Gr.-6  
Lewis Center, Ohio



**91 Jack Camper**  
DT • Gr.-5  
Virginia Beach, Va.



**6 Maliq Carr**  
TE • R-Fr.  
Inkster, Mich.



**56 Matt Carrick**  
OG • Gr.-5  
Minerva, Ohio



**42 Carson Casteel**  
LB • Fr.  
Florence, Ala.



**4 Matt Coghlin**  
K • Gr.-6  
Cincinnati, Ohio



**0 Keon Coleman**  
WR • Fr.  
Opelousas, La.



**24 Elijah Collins**  
RB • R-Jr.  
Detroit, Mich.



**6 Quavaris Crouch**  
LB • Jr.  
Charlotte, N.C.



**14 Khary Crump**  
CB • R-Fr.  
Culver City, Calif.



**86 Aubrey Dawkins**  
WR • R-Fr.  
Verona, Wis.



**25 Cole DeMarzo**  
LB • R-Fr.  
Hilton Head Island, S.C.



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**32 Zach Denha**  
DB • R-Fr.  
Rochester Hills, Mich.



**92 Michael Donovan**  
LS • Fr.  
Beverly Hills, Mich.



**7 Michael Dowell**  
S • R-Jr.  
North Ridgeville, Ohio



**98 Avery Dunn**  
DE • R-Fr.  
Shaker Heights, Ohio



**67 J.D. Duplain**  
OG • Jr.  
Strongsville, Ohio



**32 Donovan Eaglin**  
RB • R-Fr.  
Rosharon, Texas



**35 Sam Edwards**  
LB • R-Fr.  
Williamston, Mich.



**5 Hamp Fay**  
QB • Fr.  
Hudson Oaks, Texas



**72 Dallas Fincher**  
OL • R-Fr.  
Kentwood, Mich.



**16 Christian Fitzpatrick**  
WR • R-Fr.  
Southfield, Mich.



**5 Michael Fletcher**  
DE • R-So.  
Flint, Mich.



**20 Emmanuel Flowers**  
CB • Gr.-5  
Chino Hills, Calif.



**83 Montorie Foster**  
WR • So.  
Cleveland, Ohio



**10 Ma'a Gaoteote**  
LB • Fr.  
Las Vegas, Nev.



**18 Kalon Gervin**  
CB • R-Jr.  
Detroit, Mich.



**19 Zach Gillespie**  
QB • R-Fr.  
East Lansing, Mich.



**88 Trenton Gillison**  
TE • R-Jr.  
Pickerington, Ohio



**81 Parks Gissinger**  
TE • R-Jr.  
Los Angeles, Calif.



**15 Angelo Grose**  
S • So.  
Mansfield, Ohio



**27 Cal Haladay**  
LB • R-Fr.  
Elysburg, Pa.



**28 Tate Hallock**  
S • R-So.  
Grand Rapids, Mich.



**97 Maverick Hansen**  
DT • R-So.  
Farmington Hills, Mich.



**41 Derrick Harmon**  
DT • Fr.  
Detroit, Mich.



**45 Noah Harvey**  
LB • Sr.-5  
Hartland, Wis.



**4 C.J. Hayes**  
S • Gr.-5  
Bowling Green, Ky.



**3 Xavier Henderson**  
S • Sr.  
Reynoldsburg, Ohio



**11 Connor Heyward**  
TE • Gr.-5  
Duluth, Ga.



**79 Jarrett Horst**  
OT • Sr.  
Middleton, Wis.



**99 Jalen Hunt**  
DT • R-So.  
Belleville, Mich.



**97 Tyler Hunt**  
TE • Gr.-5  
Gobles, Mich.





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**42 Nick Hunter**  
WR • R-So.  
Grayling, Mich.



**73 Jacob Isaia**  
OL • R-Jr.  
Las Vegas, Nev.



**75 Kevin Jarvis**  
OL • Gr.-5  
Chicago, Ill.



**39 Evan Johnson**  
K • R-Sr.  
Okemos, Mich.



**2 Harold Joiner**  
RB • R-Jr.  
Birmingham, Ala.



**2 Drew Jordan**  
DE • Gr.-5  
Suwanee, Ga.



**14 Noah Kim**  
QB • R-Fr.  
Centreville, Va.



**12 Chester Kimbrough**  
CB • Jr.  
New Orleans, La.



**54 Kyle King**  
DT • R-Fr.  
Greenfield, Ind.



**29 A.J. Kirk**  
S • Fr.  
Columbus, Ohio



**21 Chase Kline**  
LB • R-Jr.  
Chardon, Ohio



**3 Terry Lockett Jr.**  
WR • So.  
Minneapolis, Minn.



**29 Marqui Lowery**  
CB • R-Fr.  
Charlotte, N.C.



**34 Khalil Majeed**  
S • Fr.  
Moorestown, N.J.



**94 Dashaun Mallory**  
DT • R-Jr.  
Bolingbrook, Ill.



**25 Joseph Martinez**  
WR • R-Fr.  
Holt, Mich.



**85 Cade McDonald**  
WR • R-So.  
Naperville, Ill.



**92 Evan Morris**  
TE • R-So.  
Elsie, Mich.



**47 Jackson Morse**  
TE • R-So.  
East Lansing, Mich.



**17 Tre Mosley**  
WR • R-So.  
Pontiac, Mich.



**31 Kobe Myers**  
S • R-Fr.  
Pontiac, Mich.



**8 Jalen Nailor**  
WR • R-Jr.  
Palmdale, Calif.



**71 James Ohonba**  
OG • R-Jr.  
Stockbridge, Ga.



**93 Alex Okelo**  
DE • Fr.  
Nashville, Tenn.



**96 Jacob Panasiuk**  
DE • Gr.-5  
Roselle, Ill.



**31 Hank Pepper**  
LS • Fr.  
Chandler, Ariz.



**47 Jeff Pietrowski**  
DE • So.  
Medina, Ohio



**21 Davion Primm**  
RB • Fr.  
Detroit, Mich.



# MEET THE SPARTANS



**1 Jayden Reed**  
WR • R-Jr.  
Naperville, Ill.



**38 Spencer Rowland**  
CB • Gr.-6  
Saranac, Mich.



**98 Stephen Rusnak**  
K • Fr.  
Clarkston, Mich.



**15 Anthony Russo**  
QB • Gr.-6  
Doylestown, Pa.



**59 Nick Samac**  
OL • Jr.  
Mentor, Ohio



**18 Andrew Schorfhaar**  
QB • R-Fr.  
DeWitt, Mich.



**22 Jordan Simmons**  
RB • So.  
Marietta, Ga.



**64 Jacob Slade**  
DT • R-Jr.  
Lewis Center, Ohio



**55 Zach Slade**  
DE • R-Jr.  
Lewis Center, Ohio



**23 Darius Snow**  
S • So.  
Frisco, Texas



**80 Ian Stewart**  
WR • R-Fr.  
Woodhaven, Mich.



**10 Payton Thorne**  
QB • R-So.  
Naperville, Ill.



**74 Geno VanDeMark**  
OL • Fr.  
Lodi, N.J.



**68 Dan VanOpstall**  
OT • R-Jr.  
Jenison, Mich.



**13 Ben VanSumeren**  
LB • R-Jr.  
Bay City, Mich.



**43 Cody Waddell**  
P • Gr.-6  
Elkton, Md.



**9 Kenneth Walker III**  
RB • Jr.  
Arlington, Tenn.



**40 Powers Warren**  
TE • Gr.-5  
Minnetonka, Minn.



**50 Tyson Watson**  
DT • Fr.  
Roseville, Mich.



**87 Jahz Watts**  
WR • Sr.-5  
Belleville, Mich.



**30 Justin White**  
CB • R-So.  
Agoura Hills, Calif.



**70 Kevin Wigenton**  
OL • Fr.  
Colts Neck, N.J.



**9 Ronald Williams**  
CB • Sr.  
Ferriday, La.



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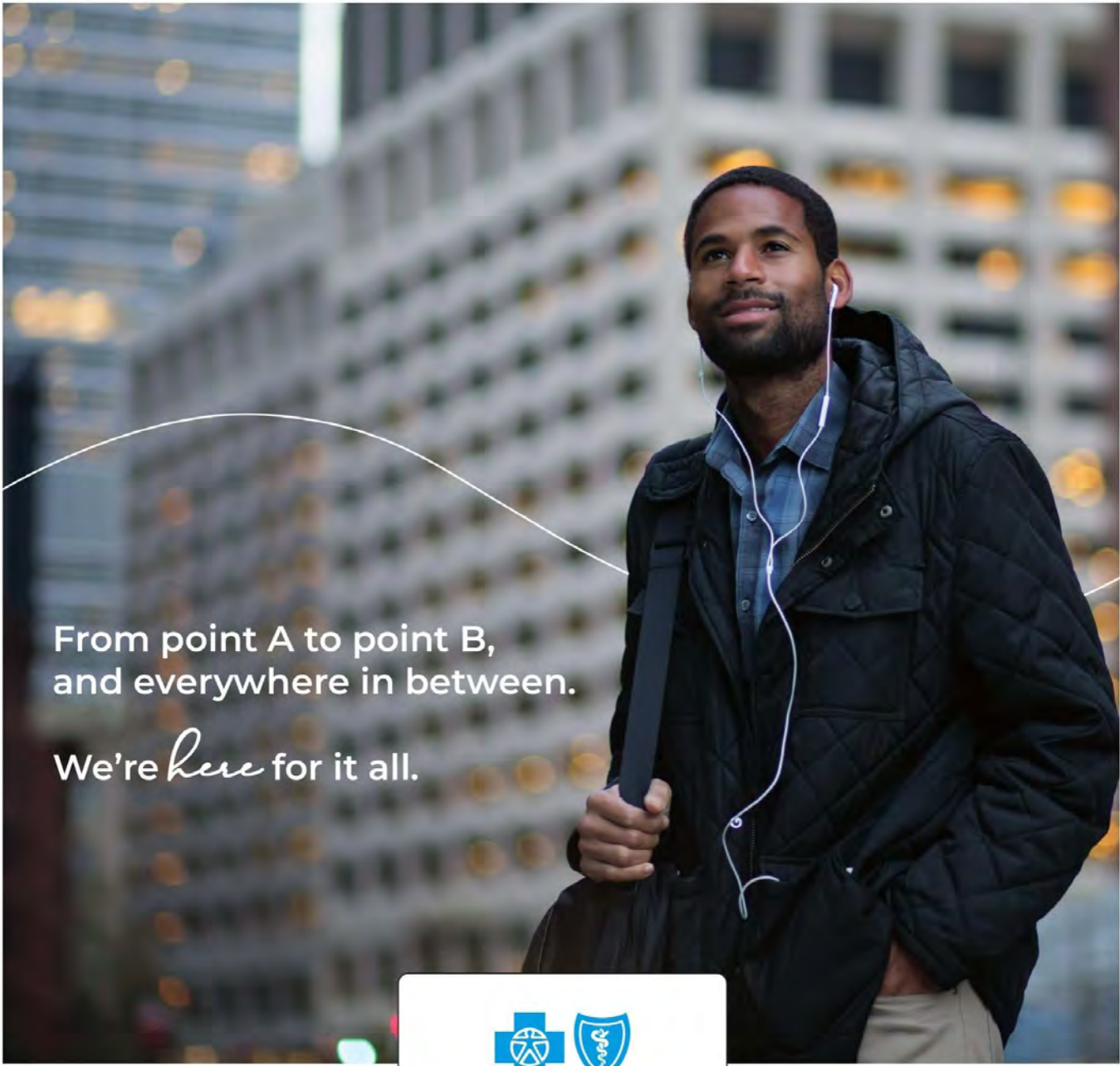


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## **Dianne Byrum, Chair • Onondaga**

Dianne Byrum was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2008 and again in 2016. Byrum is a partner at Byrum & Fisk Advocacy Communications, a public relations firm she founded in 2006, with offices in East Lansing and Grand Rapids. Before that, she was the Michigan House Democratic Leader, the first woman to lead a caucus in the state. Byrum was first elected to the Michigan House in 1991, and to the state Senate in 1995, returning to the House in 2002. She served on the Ingham County Board of Commissioners from 1983 to 1990. Byrum has served as co-director of the Michigan Political Leadership Program, an MSU program that trains future public policy leaders. She is a recipient of the Champion of Hope award from the Children's Trust Fund and the Public Official of the Year award from Habitat for Humanity.



## **Dan Kelly, Vice Chair • Clarkston**

Dan Kelly is the President and Founder of The Kelly Firm in Auburn Hills, Michigan. Dan was elected to the Board of Trustees for an eight-year term that began January 1, 2017. Previously, Dan served six years on the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees as both a Trustee and the Board Chair. Additionally, Dan served two four-year terms on the Independence Township Board of Trustees, where he also served as a member of the Township's Planning Commission. Mr. Kelly is a practicing attorney specializing in governmental, municipal, and labor law. After 28+ years with a large Troy based law firm where he served on its Board of Directors and Chair of its Municipal Law Department, in 2018 Dan opened The Kelly Firm, PLC, in Auburn Hills, Michigan. With more than 28 years of litigation experience on behalf of municipalities, school districts, and various corporate clients, Dan is frequently asked to speak on the topics of risk management and governmental liability. He is a court-appointed mediator and is certified in risk management and risk management for public entities by the American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters. Dan resides in Clarkston, Michigan with his wife, Kathleen, and their four children; three of whom are recent MSU graduates and one a current MSU student.



## **Melanie Foster, East Lansing**

Melanie Foster was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2004 and again in 2014. Governor John Engler appointed Foster to the MSU Board of Trustees from 1991 to 1992 and to the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees from 1997 to 2004. She is currently chair of the Finance Committee and the Investment Advisory Subcommittee and serves on the board of the MSU Foundation. Foster was raised in the landscape and sod farming business in Flat Rock, Michigan. For 15 years she served as president and CEO of a commercial landscape company she built into a nationally acclaimed firm. Based in the Detroit area, the company had offices in four states. For 10 years Foster was president and CEO of a commercial landscape firm in Orlando, Florida, that specialized in theme park projects. She currently serves on the Board of Ele's Place. Foster earned a bachelor's degree in ornamental horticulture from MSU. She resides in East Lansing with her husband, John, and their three children.



## **Renee Knake Jefferson, East Lansing**

Renee Knake Jefferson was appointed to the Board of Trustees by Governor Whitmer in December 2019. Jefferson currently serves as a professor of law at the University of Houston Law Center and is the Joanne and Larry Doherty Chair in Legal Ethics. In addition to her teaching role, she is the director of Outcomes and Assessments and a member of the Diversity, Inclusion and Equality Committee. She teaches Constitutional Law, Professional Responsibility and a seminar on Gender, Law, Leadership and Power. Prior to joining the University of Houston in 2016, Jefferson spent a decade at Michigan State University, receiving tenure at the College of Law and also teaching at the Eli Broad College of Business and the Honors College. While at MSU, she was the co-director of the Frank Kelley Institute of Ethics and co-founder of the Reinvent Law Laboratory for Law, Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship. She also is an elected member of the American Law Institute. In 2015, she was a scholar-in-residence at Stanford Law School's Center on the Legal Profession and a visiting scholar at the American Bar Foundation. She was named the Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Entrepreneurship and Innovation at Royal

Melbourne Institute of Technology University in 2019. Jefferson received her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Chicago Law School. She is married to Wallace B. Jefferson, who is the former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas and an alumnus of the James Madison College at Michigan State, as is her stepson, Samuel Jefferson. Her children James and Grace learned to walk at Spartan Marching Band practices and now attend East Lansing public schools.



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**Pat O'Keefe, Troy**

Pat O'Keefe was elected to the Board of Trustees for an eight-year term that began Jan. 1, 2021. O'Keefe is the founding partner of the strategic and financial advisory firm O'Keefe & Associates Consulting, now known as O'Keefe, with offices in Bloomfield Hills, Grand Rapids and Phoenix. He served as the 100th president of the Detroit Athletic Club and was recognized as the Detroit Executive of the Year in 2018. O'Keefe was inducted into the M&A Advisor Hall of Fame and was recognized by Irish America as a top 100 Irish businessmen for four years. He serves on the DAC Foundation; is the CEO of Glycadia, a diabetes research firm in Philadelphia; and is CEO of Grow Michigan, a mezzanine fund that is backed by the Michigan Strategic Fund and 16 banks to provide financing to middle market and minority-owned businesses in Michigan. Since inception, he has been recognized as one of the top 500 Detroit business leaders by Dbusiness. He resides in Troy with his wife, Carol, and has three adult children and nine grandchildren. O'Keefe graduated cum laude from MSU with a degree in accounting and has an MBA from Wayne State University with a concentration in finance.



**Brianna T. Scott, Muskegon**

Brianna T. Scott was elected to the MSU Board of Trustees for an eight-year term that began Jan. 1, 2019. Scott grew up in Muskegon and attended MSU, earning a bachelor's degree in marketing. At MSU, she served as president of the Epsilon Epsilon Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. She earned a law degree from Wayne State University in 2000 and is licensed to practice law in Michigan and New York. Scott was hired as the first African-American assistant prosecutor in Muskegon County. During her final year in the prosecutor's office, she worked on felony criminal sexual conduct and neglect/abuse cases. She later worked at a law firm where she represented municipalities and practiced real property and corporate law, while also serving as a contract attorney for abuse and neglect cases in Muskegon County. In 2005, Scott founded the first minority (African-American and female) law firm in Muskegon and now employs a full-time staff of five. Her list of board memberships includes Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Access Health, Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce, the Boys and Girls Club of the Muskegon Lakeshore and the United Way of the Lakeshore. She is a past president and the first person of color to lead the Muskegon Rotary Club and has acted as chair of its Diversity and Inclusion Committee since 2013. She also serves as legal counsel for the International Churches of God in Christ.



**Kelly Tebay, Pittsfield Township**

Kelly Tebay was elected to the Board of Trustees for an eight-year term that began Jan. 1, 2019. Tebay is a senior aide for the US House of Representatives. She began her career in professional fundraising with work in non-profits, state government and for a host of state and federal political campaigns. Raised in Shelby Township and Yale, Michigan, Tebay graduated from Yale Public Schools. She enrolled in James Madison College at MSU where she earned a bachelor's degree in international relations with a specialization in Muslim studies. While at MSU, Tebay studied abroad in Egypt, learned Arabic and served as a member of the Madison Academic Diversity Initiative. She went on to earn a master's degree in law enforcement intelligence and analysis with certificates in homeland security and critical thinking, also from MSU.



**Rema Vassar, Detroit**

Rema Vassar, PhD was elected to the Board of Trustees for an eight-year term that began January 1, 2021. Dr. Vassar earned her doctorate from UCLA in 2009 and currently serves as an Associate Professor in the College of Education at Eastern Michigan University. She is the Morris Endowed Chair leading The Leadership Talent Development Project in the Detroit Public Schools Community District. Dr. Rema teaches Leadership and was named Faculty of the Year in the College of Education in 2020. The author of many scholarly journal articles, her research interests include school and community relationships with an emphasis on parent-school partnerships; race, gender, and class implications in schools; implications of policy and practice on student achievement and outcomes; and equity, justice, access, and inclusion for minoritized communities. In addition to her work in higher education, Dr. Vassar has extensive experience in K-12 public education, having served over 20 years as a teacher, counselor, and principal. She maintains a steadfast commitment to community service through her committee work, as a mentor, and community liaison. Dr. Vassar resides in Detroit with her husband and three children.





# PRESIDENT SAMUEL L. STANLEY JR., M.D.



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**S**amuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D., was selected by the Michigan State University Board of Trustees as MSU's 21st president, effective Aug. 1, 2019. Since his arrival at MSU, Dr. Stanley has moved decisively to ensure the university is a safe, respectful and welcoming place for all. Student success and well-being and continuing to grow MSU's extraordinary regional and global impact are his top priorities.

His infectious disease research background has informed MSU's response to the COVID-19 pandemic as he leads the university's work to safely advance its mission of education, research and outreach.

Stanley launched a comprehensive strategic planning process for the university, created a diversity, equity and inclusion planning committee and appointed two relationship violence and sexual misconduct expert advisers. He has overseen several changes in the institution's administration, organization and programs to improve services, operations and accountability.

Continuing to expand the university's research enterprise is another priority. MSU's research portfolio totaled \$725 million in 2019 expenditures. MSU's \$730 million Facility for Rare Isotope Beams is planned to begin scientific user operations ahead of schedule and on budget in 2022. Operating at the frontiers of nuclear science, it will yield insights into the nature of the universe as well as practical discoveries to enhance everyday life. FRIB reached a milestone in 2020 when the U.S. Department of Energy designated it a DOE Office of Science user facility.

A researcher, patent holder and former technology transfer executive, Stanley supports academic and industry collaborations to leverage both their economic impact and the potentially enormous contributions they can make to society.

Stanley also reorganized oversight of the university's three medical colleges and its clinical services into a health sciences entity. And, in January 2021, MSU signed a 30-year agreement with the Henry Ford Health System in Detroit to foster groundbreaking research, best-in-class cancer care and health care professional diversity while improving access in traditionally underserved communities. In another collaborative relationship, MSU and Apple Inc. agreed to partner on a Developer Academy in Detroit, the company's first such skills development facility in the United States.

Active in higher education organizations, Stanley sits on the boards of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, the University Innovation Alliance and the Michigan Association of State Universities. He is an engaged member of Michigan's University Research Corridor, Business Leaders for Michigan and the Association of American Universities, having served previously on the AAU board. Stanley holds appointments to the Michigan Employment Relations Commission's Health Care Advisory Committee and the McKinsey & Company Taskforce on Higher Education and Opportunity. He also is a past member of the NCAA Board of Directors and NCAA Board of Governors.

Born in Seattle, Stanley earned a Bachelor of Arts in biological sciences (Phi Beta Kappa) from the University of Chicago. After earning his medical degree from Harvard Medical School, he completed resident-physician training at Massachusetts General Hospital and then went to Washington University in St. Louis for a School of Medicine fellowship in infectious diseases. There, he became a professor in the departments of medicine and molecular microbiology, recognizing the collaborative nature of his research.

A distinguished biomedical researcher, Stanley was one of the nation's top recipients of support from the National Institutes of Health for his research focusing on enhanced defense against emerging infectious diseases. He is an expert in the biological mechanisms that cells employ when responding to infectious agents.

Stanley has served as chair of the National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity, which advises the U.S. government on issues related to the communication, dissemination and performance of sensitive biological research. He was a member of the National Advisory Allergy and Infectious Diseases Council at the NIH and a member of the NIH director's Blue Ribbon Panel on the National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratories. He also served as an ambassador for the Paul G. Rogers Society for Global Health Research and has received an honorary doctorate in science from Konkuk University in South Korea.

Prior to becoming MSU's president, Stanley served as president of Stony Brook University on Long Island in New York. At Stony Brook, he focused on improving campus diversity and student success and elevated the university's research profile by supporting a new institute for artificial intelligence. He chaired the board of Brookhaven Science Associates, which manages Brookhaven National Laboratory on behalf of the U.S. Department of Energy.

President Stanley's wife, Ellen Li, M.D., Ph.D., is a distinguished biomedical researcher and gastroenterologist. In addition to her roles as a clinician and scientist, Dr. Li has tutored students in chemistry and mentored many students interested in biomedical research. Dr. Stanley and Dr. Li have four adult children.





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# ATHLETICS DIRECTOR ALAN HALLER

Michigan State University President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D., announced on Sept. 1, 2021 that he had appointed Alan Haller, current MSU assistant vice president and deputy athletic director, as vice president and director of intercollegiate athletics, becoming MSU's 20th athletics director. The announcement came after the MSU Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the president's selection during a special meeting.

"Alan has been a leader in developing athlete administrators and broadening the depth and breadth of our diverse talent within MSU Athletics," Stanley said. "His professional accomplishments, integrity and leadership make him the best choice to move our programs forward during a constantly evolving college athletics landscape. And his understanding and perspective as a former student-athlete will benefit Spartan athletes for generations."

Former Athletic Director Bill Beekman announced in early August he was taking on a new role at MSU as vice president for strategic initiatives to assist with strategic planning implementation. A national search for a new athletic director began immediately, assisted by Collegiate Sports Associates.

"Alan is a remarkable leader and an accomplished and well-rounded administrator who has been instrumental in setting up MSU Athletics for continued success," said Dianne Byrum, chairperson of the MSU Board of Trustees. "Our nationwide search led us back home to a leader who is steadfastly committed to the success of our institution and its student-athletes. I have full confidence that Alan will continue to move MSU Athletics forward with a vision that focuses on student success, competitive excellence and integrity in all that we do."

A former MSU football player and member of the track and field team as well as a former cornerback in the NFL, Haller joined MSU Athletics in 2010, following a 13-year career with the MSU Department of Police and Public Safety. He is credited with being part of the successful efforts to recruit MSU's all-time winningest coach Mark Dantonio and current MSU Head Football Coach Mel Tucker. He also championed the addition of the department's inaugural chief diversity officer, Ashley Baker.

Haller has held several roles in MSU Athletics, including senior associate athletic director and chief of staff. Most recently, as deputy athletic director he was responsible for coordination of external relations, capital projects, athletics facilities



and event management. He assisted with the department's financial planning and management of the budget, led the facilities planning team and oversaw coordination and completion of a facility master plan while supervising all athletics construction projects.

Haller has extensive experience working directly with teams as a sport administrator and currently serves as the sport administrator for football. He leads the senior staff/sport administrator group responsible for administration of all varsity sports and provides leadership, direction and supervision to sport supervisors, who are responsible for oversight of all sport programs.

"Being a student-athlete at Michigan State was a transformational experience in my life. My time as a member of the Spartan football and track and field teams laid the groundwork for everything that's followed," Haller said. "To this day, with every major decision and event, I rely on the principles that were forged as a student-athlete. It's my job to make sure our current and future student-athletes experience the same transformation, reaching their highest potential both academically and athletically. The phrase 'Spartan for Life' signifies our commitment to our student-athletes does not end when they leave MSU."

"Spartan athletics is filled with amazing student-athletes, talented coaches and dedicated staff. Together, we will work to ensure that MSU Athletics adds value to Michigan State University and the surrounding community. It's our commitment as a university partner. This is an exciting time in our

department's history, full of limitless possibilities. Only together can we realize those dreams."

Student success is a keen focus of the university, both in competition and in the classroom. An unwavering commitment to student-athlete success, combined with a mission to ensure MSU Athletics is representative of the student-athletes it serves, made Haller the ideal candidate for the position.

"Alan Haller is intelligent, hardworking, a person of high integrity and a proven leader," said Kevin Warren, Big Ten Conference commissioner. "Alan has made a positive impact in East Lansing since he arrived on campus as a student-athlete. Prior to his tenure as a professional football player, a member of law enforcement and as an administrator at MSU, Alan had a transformational experience as a Spartan student-athlete. This experience and his dedication will empower Alan to serve the needs of all Spartan student-athletes. We look forward to working closely with Alan as he leads MSU Athletics."

A four-year letterman as a cornerback under Coach George Perles from 1988-91, Haller earned All-Big Ten honors as both a junior and senior and made three postseason bowl appearances with the Spartans (1989 Gator, 1989 Aloha and 1990 John Hancock). He was a fifth-round NFL draft pick in 1992 by the Pittsburgh Steelers and spent three seasons in the NFL, playing for Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Carolina.

Haller holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from MSU and a master's degree in human resources from Central Michigan University.



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# HEAD COACH MEL TUCKER



**MEL TUCKER, A 25-YEAR COACHING VETERAN WITH CHAMPIONSHIP EXPERIENCE, WAS NAMED MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY'S 25TH HEAD FOOTBALL COACH ON FEB. 12, 2020.**

Tucker's resume, which began as a graduate assistant at Michigan State under Nick Saban, has an impressive track record of success. The journey that has led him back to East Lansing includes a head coaching position at Colorado (2019), five seasons as a defensive coach in the Southeastern Conference (2000; 2015-18), 10 seasons in the NFL (2005-14), and four seasons at Ohio State (2001-04). He was a defensive coordinator in the NFL for seven seasons and 11 seasons overall in his coaching career.

"I love the positives of the Michigan State Football legacy," said Tucker at his introductory press conference. "I cannot be more fired up about being part of this culture; this is a winning culture.

"I promise you that we will do everything to prepare, practice and play relentless and accountable football with toughness and integrity. We will do that. We have much to live up to and much to prove, and I believe the time is right now."

In 149 games as a full-time coach in the FBS, Tucker's teams have collected a 108-41 (.725) record, including 10 postseason bowl games (2000 Peach, 2002 Outback, 2003 Fiesta/BCS National Championship, 2004 Fiesta, 2004 Alamo, 2015 Cotton/CFP Semifinal, 2016 CFP/National Championship, 2016 Liberty, 2018 Rose/CFP Semifinal, 2018 CFP/National Championship), three conference championships, three national championship games and two national championships (2002 with Ohio State, 2015 with Alabama). He coached 160 games in the National Football League (64 with Cleveland, 64 with Jacksonville, 32 with Chicago).

The 49-year-old Tucker is nationally recognized as a top recruiter and developer of talent, working with numerous NFL Draft selections, including 13 first-rounders, and multiple All-Americans and Pro Bowlers. He has been on staffs with some of the top collegiate coaches in the game, including Saban, Mark Dantonio, Kirby Smart and Jim Tressel.

Before even coaching a game at Michigan State, Tucker helped lead the Spartan program through an offseason in 2020 that was filled with challenges. He demonstrated a forward-thinking approach for adjusting to adverse conditions during the COVID-19

pandemic, especially for a new staff, by adapting to the most up-to-date technology while maintaining connection. A member of the Big Ten Anti-Hate and Anti-Racism Coalition, he invited numerous local and state government representatives, along with other industry leaders, to speak to the team on a variety of topics, including voting rights and registration, social justice causes and mental health awareness.

Tucker has collaborated with several departments on campus to form partnerships with the football program, including the MSU Burgess Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, which developed a six-week training course educating student-athletes on how to sharpen their entrepreneurial mindset, master business basics and learn the process of creating new ventures. In addition, Tucker has embraced social media as a way to connect with the Spartan fan base and recruits, bringing energy and enthusiasm to the program with his "Relentless" philosophy.

On the field, Tucker became just the second Spartan head coach, joining his mentor Saban, to beat Michigan in his first game against the Wolverines with a 27-23 win at Michigan Stadium over 13th-ranked U of M on Oct. 31. Tucker also recorded his first Top 10 win as



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Mel Tucker was introduced as Michigan State University's 25th head football coach on Feb. 12, 2020, at the Izzo Hall of History inside the Breslin Center (pictured with his wife, JoEllyn, and sons, Joseph and Christian).

head coach of the Spartans with a 29-20 triumph over eighth ranked and eventual Big Ten West Champion Northwestern on Nov. 28 in Spartan Stadium.

During his first season as a collegiate head coach at Colorado in 2019, Tucker posted wins against Washington, Stanford, Arizona State, Nebraska and Colorado State en route to a 5-7 overall record. The three Pac-12 wins were the second most by the Buffaloes since joining the conference in 2011. Six players earned All-Pac 12 honors, including first-team linebacker Nate Landman, who ranked fourth

in the league with 109 tackles. Colorado's 2020 recruiting class was ranked No. 35 in the nation by 247Sports, the highest for the Buffaloes since 2008.

Prior to accepting the head coaching role at Colorado, Tucker spent three seasons (2016-18) as the defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Georgia. The Bulldogs were 32-9 under Tucker's leadership of the defensive unit and finished in the FBS Top 20 for total defense three consecutive years (No. 16 in 2016; No. 6 in 2017; No. 13 in 2018). One of the staff's top recruiters, Tucker was ranked as the No. 14 recruiter in the nation by 247Sports based off the class he helped signed before the 2018 season.

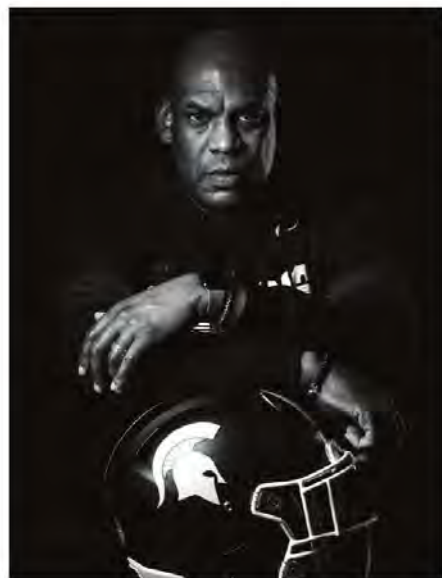
UGA had a banner year in 2017, finishing No. 2 in the national polls with a 13-2 record after winning the SEC title over Auburn and the College Football Playoff Semifinal at the Rose Bowl against Oklahoma, while playing in the CFP National Championship vs. Alabama. Georgia's defense finished second in the SEC and sixth nationally in both scoring defense (16.4 ppg) and in total defense (294.9 ypg), while also finishing second in the conference in rushing defense. Roquan Smith, who was named a unanimous All-American, won the Butkus Award as the nation's top linebacker and was the eighth-pick overall in 2018 NFL Draft. Tucker also mentored cornerback Deandre Baker at Georgia, who won the 2018 Jim Thorpe Award, was named a first-team All-American, and was drafted in the first round of the 2019 NFL Draft (No. 30 overall) by the

Giants. Both Smith and Baker also earned first-team All-SEC honors. In 2021, cornerback Eric Stokes became the third Bulldog drafted in the first round that Tucker coached at Georgia, going to Green Bay at No. 29 overall.

Tucker arrived in Athens after helping Alabama win the 2015 national championship as the assistant head coach/defensive backs coach in his lone season in Tuscaloosa under Saban. Tucker worked with future NFL first-rounders and Pro Bowlers Marlon Humphrey and Minkah Fitzpatrick, along with first-team All-SEC safety and eventual Pro Bowler Eddie Jackson, during the Crimson Tide's national championship season, which included wins over Florida for the SEC Championship, Michigan State in the CFP Semifinal/Cotton Bowl, and Clemson in the CFP National Championship. It marked the third time Tucker was hired by Saban.

Saban originally hired Tucker for his first job in the coaching profession as a graduate assistant at Michigan State for two seasons (1997-98), where he worked directly under Dantonio, the winningest coach in Spartan history.

Tucker landed his first full-time position in 1999 as a defensive backs coach at Miami (Ohio) for Terry Hooppner, then reunited with Saban at LSU for one season in 2000 before joining Jim Tressel's staff at Ohio State for four years (2001-04) coaching defensive backs. Under Tressel, Tucker helped the Buckeyes go 14-0 in 2002 while winning the BCS National Championship over Miami (Fla.) in the Fiesta Bowl. Tucker, who was promoted to co-





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defensive coordinator in his final season at OSU in 2004, helped OSU collect a 40-11 record during his four seasons in Columbus. He also recruited exceptionally well for the Buckeyes, directly helping bring in four future first-round picks (WR Ted Ginn Jr.; WR Anthony Gonzalez; CB Vernon Gholston; DB Malcom Jenkins) and Troy Smith, the 2006 Heisman Trophy winner. During Tucker's time in Columbus, he coached four first-team All-Americans (S Mike Doss, S Will Allen, S Donte Whitner, LB A.J. Hawk) and four first-round NFL Draft picks on defense (CB Chris Gamble, S Donte Whitner, LB Bobby Carpenter, Hawk), along with multiple first-team All-Big Ten selections.

Following his successful stint at Ohio State, Tucker moved up to the professional ranks to coach his hometown Cleveland Browns as the secondary coach under Romeo Crennel, who had previously won a Super Bowl as a defensive coordinator for the Patriots. Tucker was promoted to defensive coordinator in 2008, and the Browns finished the season ranked second in the NFL in interceptions (23) and 16th in scoring defense (21.9 ppg). For his four seasons overall with Cleveland from 2005-08, the Browns ranked fifth in the league with 73 interceptions, seventh in passing yards allowed and gave up the fourth-fewest completions of 25-plus yards.

Tucker continued his coaching career in the NFL with the Jacksonville Jaguars. He was hired by Jack Del Rio to be the defensive coordinator and secondary coach in 2009, then moved solely into the defensive coordinator role for the next two seasons. He served as the interim head coach for the final five games of the 2011 season, in which the Jaguars ranked sixth in the NFL in total defense (313.0 ypg). Tucker returned

to Jacksonville for the 2012 season to be the assistant head coach and defensive coordinator under Mike Mularkey.

Tucker spent his last two seasons in the NFL as the defensive coordinator for the Chicago Bears working for Marc Trestman in 2013-14.

A 1995 graduate of the University of Wisconsin with his bachelor's degree in agricultural business management, Tucker was a member of the first recruiting class for Hall of Fame Coach Barry Alvarez. He lettered three times at both cornerback and safety from 1990-94 and was on the Badgers' 1993 Big Ten champion team that defeated UCLA in the Rose Bowl, 21-16. As a sophomore, he made a game-saving hit in the end zone with time running out that preserved a 19-16 win at Minnesota. He had 47 tackles and four pass deflections in his career (he missed his entire junior season after breaking a leg in fall camp).

Tucker remains close with several Badger teammates who have gone on to make their marks in football, including Troy Vincent (the NFL executive vice president for football operations), Chris Ballard (Indianapolis Colts general manager) and Darrell Bevell (Jacksonville Jaguars offensive coordinator).

He was born Melvin Tucker II on Jan. 4, 1972, in Cleveland, Ohio, and graduated from Cleveland Heights High School, where he was an all-state performer in football and an all-conference basketball player. He is married to the former JoEllyn Haynesworth, who earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Illinois and her law degree from Rutgers University. The couple has two sons born on the same day (Feb. 18) two years apart, Joseph and Christian.

## THE TUCKER FILE



### PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Graduate assistant at Michigan State (1997-98)
- Defensive backs at Miami-Ohio (1999)
- Defensive backs at LSU (2000)
- Defensive backs at Ohio State (2001-03)
- Co-defensive coordinator/defensive backs at Ohio State (2004)
- Defensive backs with Cleveland Browns (2005-07)
- Defensive coordinator with Cleveland Browns (2008)
- Defensive coordinator/secondary with Jacksonville Jaguars (2009)
- Defensive coordinator with Jacksonville Jaguars (2010-11)
- Interim head coach with Jacksonville Jaguars (2011)
- Assistant head coach/defensive coordinator with Jacksonville Jaguars (2012)
- Defensive coordinator with Chicago Bears (2013-14)
- Assistant head coach/defensive backs at Alabama (2015)
- Defensive coordinator/secondary at Georgia (2016-18)
- Head coach at Colorado (2019)

**PERSONAL DATA:** Born Jan. 4, 1972. Family: wife JoEllyn and two sons, Joseph and Christian.

**CONNECT:** Twitter: @Coach\_MTucker Facebook: Mel Tucker Instagram: @Coach\_MTucker

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in agricultural business management from Wisconsin in 1995.

**HEAD COACHING RECORD:** 7-12 in two seasons as a college head coach.

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE:** College: Three-year letterman as a defensive back at Wisconsin (1990-92, 1994).

**POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:** Coach: 2000 Peach, 2002 Outback, 2003 Fiesta/BCS National Championship, 2004 Fiesta, 2004 Alamo, 2015 Cotton/CFP Semifinal, 2016 CFP/National Championship, 2016 Liberty, 2018 Rose/CFP Semifinal, 2018 CFP/National Championship, Player: 1995 Hall of Fame Bowl.

**NFL FIRST ROUNDERS:** Tucker has coached nine NFL first-round draft picks along with recruiting four others. COACHED (9): CB Chris Gamble (Ohio State; No. 28 overall pick by Carolina, 2004 NFL Draft); LB A.J. Hawk (Ohio State; No. 6, Green Bay, 2006); LB Bobby Carpenter (Ohio State; No. 19, Dallas, 2006); CB Donte Whitner (Ohio State; No. 6, Buffalo, 2006); CB Marlon Humphrey (Alabama; No. 16, Baltimore, 2017); S Minkah Fitzpatrick (Alabama; No. 11, Miami, 2018); LB Roquan Smith (Georgia; No. 8, Chicago, 2018); CB DeAndre Baker (Georgia; No. 30, New York Giants, 2019); CB Eric Stokes (Georgia; No. 29, Green Bay, 2021). RECRUITED (4): WR Ted Ginn, Jr. (Ohio State; No. 9, Miami, 2007); WR Anthony Gonzalez (Ohio State; No. 32, Indianapolis, 2007); DE Vernon Gholston (Ohio State; No. 6, N.Y. Jets, 2008); CB/S Malcom Jenkins (Ohio State; No. 14, New Orleans, 2009).

### TUCKER'S CAREER RECORD - HEAD COACH

Year	School	Overall			Conference			Finish	Bowl	Rk.
		W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.			
2019	Colorado	5	7	.417	3	6	.333	5th (Pac-12 South)	-	-
2020	Michigan State	2	5	.286	2	5	.286	7th (Big Ten East)	-	-
Totals		7	12	.368	5	11	.313			

### TUCKER'S CAREER RECORD - ASSISTANT COACH (COLLEGE)

Year	School	Overall			Conference			Finish	Bowl	Rk.
		W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.			
1999	Miami-Ohio	7	4	.636	6	2	.750	2nd (MAC East)	-	-
2000	LSU	8	4	.667	5	3	.625	2nd (SEC West)	Peach Bowl Champs	22/-
2001	Ohio State	7	5	.583	5	3	.625	3rd (Big Ten)	Outback Bowl	-
2002	Ohio State	14	0	1.000	8	0	1.000	1st (Big Ten)	BCS National Champs	1/1
2003	Ohio State	11	2	.846	6	2	.750	T-2nd (Big Ten)	Fiesta Bowl Champs	4/4
2004	Ohio State	8	4	.667	4	4	.500	T-5th (Big Ten)	Alamo Bowl Champs	20/19
2015	Alabama	14	1	.933	7	1	.875	1st (SEC West)	CFP Semifinal (W)	1/1
									CFP National Champs (W)	
2016	Georgia	8	5	.615	4	4	.500	T-2nd (SEC East)	Liberty Bowl Champs	-
2017	Georgia	13	2	.867	7	1	.875	1st (SEC East)	CFP Semifinal (W)	2/2
									CFP National Champ, Game (L)	
2018	Georgia	11	3*	.786	7	1	.875	1st (SEC East)	Sugar Bowl*	7/7
Totals		101	29	.777	76	45	.623		10 bowl games (8-2)*	

\* Did not coach Georgia in Sugar Bowl



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# ASSISTANT COACHES



## CHRIS KAPIROVIC

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH/OFFENSIVE LINE COACH/  
RUN GAME COORDINATOR

Chris Kapirovic enters his second season as the offensive line coach and run game coordinator at Michigan State. He was promoted to assistant head coach in January 2021. Kapirovic has nearly 30 years of coaching experience, including roles as an offensive coordinator and/or run game coordinator at Southern Mississippi (2008-11), North Carolina (2012-18) and Colorado (2019). He has coached multiple NFL players, first-round draft picks and record-setting offenses during his career. Kapirovic, 52, joined Mel Tucker's staff in Colorado for the 2019 season as the offensive line coach and run game coordinator. During his first year at Michigan State, Kapirovic was instrumental in signing several highly regarded offensive linemen in Tucker's initial recruiting class. Prior to Colorado, Kapirovic coached the offensive line for seven seasons at North Carolina (2012-18) for head coach Larry Fedora. Kapirovic served as the run game coordinator for the Tar Heels his first two seasons (2012-13), was promoted to co-offensive coordinator for the next two years (2014-15), and was the associate head coach and offensive coordinator his final three seasons (2016-18). In his seven seasons at UNC, Kapirovic was part of an offensive unit that established numerous school records, including points per game (40.6 ppg in 2012, 40.7 in 2015) and total offense (485.6 ypg in 2012, 486.9 ypg in 2015). UNC also set school records for most passing yards for five straight years (2012-16), peaking at 293.2 yards per game in 2016. In 2016, Kapirovic's offense, led by quarterback Mitch Trubisky, set the school passing yards mark for the fifth season in a row, as UNC won eight games and earned a berth in the Sun Bowl against Stanford. Trubisky was the No. 2 overall pick in the 2017 NFL Draft by the Chicago Bears; he was one of 10 Tar Heels to either be drafted or signed by an NFL team under Kapirovic. Kapirovic was previously hired by Fedora in 2008, when he took the head coaching job at Southern Mississippi. He was at USM for four seasons (2008-11), all four as the offensive line coach with additional duties as the run game coordinator his last two years there before moving on to North Carolina and joining Fedora's staff in Chapel Hill.

### THE KAPIROVIC FILE

**FAMILY:** Wife, Fiona, and two sons, Carsen and Colin.

**YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:** Second. Joined staff on Feb. 17, 2020, from Colorado.

**PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:** Offensive line coach at Deer Valley (Ariz.) High School (1992-97); Offensive line coach at Phoenix College (1998); Graduate assistant at Kansas (1999-2000); Offensive line coach at Alabama State (2001-02); Offensive coordinator/offensive line coach at Alabama State (2003-05); Offensive line coach/run game coordinator at Missouri State (2006-07); Offensive line coach at Southern Mississippi (2008-09); Offensive line coach/run game coordinator at Southern Mississippi (2010-11); Offensive line coach/run game coordinator at North Carolina (2012-13); Co-offensive coordinator/offensive line at North Carolina (2014-15); Offensive coordinator/offensive line at North Carolina (2016-18); Offensive line coach/run game coordinator at Colorado (2019).

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in education in 1990 from Missouri State.

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE:** College – Two-year letterwinner as an offensive tackle at Missouri State from 1989-90. Played two seasons at Scottsdale Community College prior to attending Missouri State.

**POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:** Player – 1989-90 Division I-AA Playoffs. Coach – 2008 New Orleans Bowl, 2009 New Orleans Bowl, 2010 Beef O'Brady's Bowl, 2011 Hawai'i Bowl, 2013 Belk Bowl, 2014 Quick Lane Bowl, 2015 Russell Athletic Bowl, 2016 Sun Bowl.



## JAY JOHNSON

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QUARTERBACKS COACH

Jay Johnson is in his second season as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Michigan State. Johnson, 51, is a veteran coach and administrator of 26 seasons, including 11 as an offensive coordinator at five FBS schools (Michigan State, Colorado, Minnesota, Louisiana, Southern Mississippi) in addition to coaching quarterbacks, running backs and tight ends as a position coach. Johnson arrived to East Lansing after serving as the offensive coordinator at Colorado for one season (2019) under Mel Tucker. Johnson's offense in 2019 at Colorado helped feature wide receiver Laviska Shenault, who was a second-round 2020 NFL Draft selection by Jacksonville. Johnson spent two seasons as an offensive analyst at Georgia (2017-18) and was instrumental to the Bulldogs' success, as he assisted in all off-field phases of game planning and recruiting on Kirby Smart's staff. During Johnson's time at UGA, the Bulldogs posted a 24-4 record, including the 2017 SEC Championship and an appearance in the College Football Playoff. Johnson has previous coaching experience in the Big Ten at Minnesota, where he was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for the Gophers in 2016 under head coach Tracy Claeys. Minnesota's offense averaged nearly 30 points a game (29.3 ppg), the fourth-highest scoring average in the Big Ten, en route to a 9-4 record that included a win over Washington State in the Holiday Bowl. As Louisiana's (former UL-Lafayette) offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for five seasons (2011-15), the Ragin' Cajuns consistently ranked near the top of the Sun Belt offensive leaders as the program posted four consecutive winning seasons and four straight wins in the New Orleans Bowl. Johnson has also held full-time positions at Central Michigan, Louisville, Southern Mississippi, Kansas, Truman State and Augsburg College.

### THE JOHNSON FILE

**FAMILY:** Wife, Lori, and son, Cole.

**YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:** Second. Joined staff on Feb. 20, 2020, from Colorado.

**PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:** Assistant coach at Hickman High School (Columbia, Mo.) (1993); Graduate assistant on offense at Missouri (Spring only, 1994); Offensive coordinator/recruiting coordinator at Augsburg (Minn.) College (1994); Offensive coordinator at Truman State (1995-96); Graduate assistant on offense at Kansas (1997-98); Quarterbacks coach at Kansas (1999-2000); Running backs coach at Kansas (2001); Running backs coach at Southern Mississippi (2003); Tight ends coach at Southern Mississippi (2004); Offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach at Southern Mississippi (2005-07); Quality control/offense at Louisville (2008); Tight ends coach at Louisville (2009); Quarterbacks coach at Central Michigan (2010); Offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach at Louisiana (2011-15); Offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach at Minnesota (2016); Quality control/offense at Georgia (2017-18); Offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach at Colorado (2019).

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in science (minor in coaching) from Northern Iowa in 1992; Master's degree in exercise sciences with an emphasis in exercise physiology from Missouri.

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE:** College – Four-year letterwinner as a quarterback at Northern Iowa (1989-92).

**POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:** Player – Three Division I-AA playoff appearances (1990-92). Coach – 2003 Liberty Bowl, 2004 New Orleans Bowl, 2005 New Orleans Bowl, 2006 GMAC Bowl, 2007 PapaJohns.com Bowl, 2011 New Orleans Bowl, 2012 New Orleans Bowl, 2013 New Orleans Bowl, 2014 New Orleans Bowl, 2016 Holiday Bowl, 2017 Rose/CFP Semifinal, 2017 CFP National Championship.



## SCOTTIE HAZELTON

SECCHIA FAMILY DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

A 25-year coaching veteran with stints at all levels of collegiate football and the NFL, Scottie Hazelton enters his second season as the Secchia Family Defensive Coordinator in 2021. Hazelton also assists coaching the defensive ends. During his first season in East Lansing, Hazelton coached three All-Big Ten performers. Redshirt junior cornerback Shakur Brown tied for third in the nation with five interceptions to earn first-team All-Big Ten honors from the coaches, senior linebacker Antjuan Simmons led the team in tackles for the second straight year to pick up second-team all-league laurels from the media, and defensive end Drew Beesley garnered honorable mention accolades. Prior to arriving at Michigan State in 2020, Hazelton spent one season as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Kansas State in 2019. Hazelton made an immediate impact in his only season in Manhattan in 2019, as the Wildcats ranked among the best defensive teams in the Big 12. KSU was second in the conference in scoring defense, allowing just 21.4 points per game, the program's best mark since 2003. Overall, the Wildcats ranked fourth in the Big 12 in total defense (368.4 ypg), the best for the program since 2013. Hazelton came to Manhattan after a successful two-year run as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Wyoming (2017-18). The Cowboys ranked in the top 25 nationally both seasons in total defense and top 30 nationally in scoring defense. Hazelton got back into the college game at Wyoming after spending three seasons (2014-16) in the NFL with the Jacksonville Jaguars as the assistant linebackers coach. While in Jacksonville, he was reunited with head coach Gus Bradley, who was Hazelton's position coach at Fort Lewis College. Before making the jump to the NFL, Hazelton coached for five seasons at North Dakota State from 2007-11. He was the defensive line coach from 2007 to 2009 before taking over as defensive coordinator and coaching the linebackers in 2010 and 2011. In 2011, the Bison defense led the nation in scoring defense (12.73 points per game) and was a big part of North Dakota State's first-ever FCS title, which began a current streak of eight national championships over a nine-year span.

### THE HAZELTON FILE

**FAMILY:** Wife, Brooke; two daughters, Ava and Sophie; and two sons, Bode and Crew.

**YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:** Second. Joined staff on Feb. 28, 2020, from Kansas State.

**PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:** Defensive backs coach at Fort Lewis College (1996-99) (Served as interim defensive coordinator in 1998); Graduate assistant at North Dakota State (2000-01); Recruiting coordinator/defensive backs coach at St. Olaf (2002-03); Defensive coordinator/safeties coach at Missouri Southern State (2004-05); Linebackers/special teams coach at Michigan Tech (2006); Defensive line coach at North Dakota State (2007-09); Defensive coordinator/linebackers at North Dakota State (2010-11); Linebackers at USC (2012); Defensive coordinator/linebackers coach at Nevada (2013); Assistant linebackers coach with Jacksonville Jaguars (2014-16); Defensive coordinator/linebackers coach at Wyoming (2017-18); Defensive coordinator/linebackers coach at Kansas State (2019).

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in exercise science from Fort Lewis College in 1997.

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE:** College – Three-year letterwinner as a linebacker at Fort Lewis College (1992-94).

**POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:** Coach – 2010 FCS Quarterfinals, 2011 FCS National Champions, 2012 Sun Bowl, 2017 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl, 2019 Liberty Bowl.



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# ASSISTANT COACHES



**HARLON BARNETT**  
SECONDARY COACH

Former Spartan All-American Harlon Barnett is entering his 13th season overall on the Spartan defensive staff in 2021. After returning to Michigan State in 2020 to coach the cornerbacks, Barnett is now coaching the entire secondary in 2021. Barnett came back to East Lansing in 2020 after spending two seasons (2018-19) as the defensive coordinator at Florida State. He previously spent 11 seasons (2007-17) as the secondary coach at Michigan State, including three seasons as the co-defensive coordinator (2015-17) and one as the associate head coach (2017), before departing for FSU. In 2020, Barnett picked up right where he left off in mentoring Spartan defensive backs to success, as he helped redshirt junior cornerback Shakur Brown earn second-team All-America and first-team All-Big Ten honors. Brown led the nation in interceptions per game (five total; 0.7 pg) and tied for third in the FBS overall with five picks in just seven games. Brown became the fourth Spartan to earn All-America honors under Barnett (CB Darqueze Dennard in 2013; CB Trae Waynes in 2014; S Kurtis Drummond in 2015) and the ninth to garner first-team All-Big Ten accolades. Barnett has coached 10 Spartan defensive backs that were selected in the NFL Draft, including two first-rounders (Darqueze Dennard, No. 24, Cincinnati Bengals, 2014; Trae Waynes, No. 11, Minnesota Vikings, 2015), and 16 have been invited to the NFL Scouting Combine. In addition to Dennard and Waynes, Jeremy Ware (2010, Oakland, seventh round), Chris L. Rucker (2011, Indianapolis, sixth round), Trenton Robinson (2012, San Francisco, sixth round), Tony Lippett (2015, Miami, fifth round), Montae Nicholson (2017, Washington, fourth round), Justin Layne (2019, Pittsburgh, third round), Khari Willis (2019, Indianapolis, fourth round) and Josiah Scott (2020, Jacksonville, fourth round) have been chosen in the NFL Draft. Barnett's players have earned All-Big Ten honors 28 times as secondary coach at MSU. In addition to the four All-Americans, Barnett has coached three Thorpe Award semifinalists (Dennard, Waynes, Otis Wiley) at MSU. A unanimous All-American, Dennard became the first Spartan to win the Thorpe Award, given to the nation's best defensive back, in 2013.

## THE BARNETT FILE

**FAMILY:** Wife, Tammy, and two children: Todd and Tori.

**YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:** 13th overall. Second since rejoining staff on Feb. 20, 2020, from Florida State.

**PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:** Graduate assistant coach at LSU (2003); Secondary coach at Cincinnati (2004-06); Secondary coach at Michigan State (2007-14); Assistant head coach/co-defensive coordinator/secondary coach at Michigan State (2015-16); Associate head coach/co-defensive coordinator/secondary coach at Michigan State (2017); Defensive coordinator at Florida State (2018-19).

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in communication from Michigan State in 1990.

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE:** College – Four-year letterwinner as a defensive back at Michigan State (1986-89) and named captain as a senior. Professional – Spent seven seasons in the National Football League, including stints with the Cleveland Browns (1990-92), New England Patriots (1993-94) and Minnesota Vikings (1995-96).

**POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:** Player – 1988 Rose Bowl, 1989 Gator Bowl, 1989 Aloha Bowl, 1994 NFL Playoffs, 1996 NFL Playoffs. Coach – 2004 Sugar Bowl, 2004 Fort Worth Bowl, 2007 Champs Sports Bowl, 2009 Capital One Bowl, 2010 Valero Alamo Bowl, 2011 Capital One Bowl, 2012 Outback Bowl, 2012 Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl, 2014 Rose Bowl, 2015 Cotton Bowl, 2015 College Football Playoff (Cotton Bowl), 2017 Holiday Bowl, 2019 Sun Bowl.



**RON BURTON**  
DEFENSIVE LINE COACH

Ron Burton, a 29-year coaching veteran who also played four seasons in the NFL, is in his ninth season on the defensive staff at Michigan State. He has coached in a bowl game 12 of the past 14 seasons, including six bowls with the Spartans (2014 Rose, 2015 Cotton, 2015 College Football Playoff Semifinal, 2017 Holiday, 2018 Redbox, 2019 Pinstripe). Burton went back to coaching the entire defensive line in 2020 under head coach Mel Tucker after previously coaching the defensive tackles for three seasons (2017-19). Burton spent his first four seasons in East Lansing (2013-16) coaching the defensive line. Burton is the only coach to win the FootballScoop National Defensive Line Coach of the Year Award twice, an honor he won for the second time in 2018 after MSU finished with the top-ranked rushing defense in the country. He also won the award during his first season in East Lansing in 2013 when the Spartans claimed the Big Ten Championship, won the Rose Bowl, and finished No. 2 in the FBS in total defense and rushing defense. Since Burton's first year in 2013, the Spartans have led the Big Ten in rushing defense four times (2013, 2014, 2017, 2018) and have ranked in the NCAA FBS Top 25 six of his eight seasons, including twice at No. 1 (2014, 2018). During his eight seasons on the Michigan State staff, Spartan defensive linemen have earned All-Big Ten recognition 16 times, including three-time first-team selection Shilique Calhoun, who became the first defensive end in program history to be named first-team all-conference three times. Five Spartan defensive linemen that Burton has coached at MSU have played in the NFL (Calhoun, Joel Heath, Marcus Rush, Lawrence Thomas and Raquan Williams). Two Spartans have been drafted under Burton's watch (Calhoun in third round of the 2016 NFL Draft by the Raiders, Malik McDowell in the second round of the 2017 NFL Draft by the Seahawks) and six have been invited to the NFL Combine (Calhoun, Heath, McDowell, Thomas, Raquan Williams, Naquan Jones).

## THE BURTON FILE

**FAMILY:** Wife, Andrea, and four children: Ronald, Ryan, Roya and Reid.

**YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:** Ninth. Joined staff on Feb. 8, 2013, from Air Force.

**PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:** College – Graduate assistant coach at North Carolina (1992-93); Defensive backs at Morehead State (1994); Linebackers at Eastern Michigan (1995-96); Linebackers at Indiana (1997-2001); Defensive line at Grand Valley State (2002); Defensive line at Air Force (2003-12).

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in industrial relations from North Carolina in 1987.

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE:** College – Four-year letterman as a defensive lineman at North Carolina (1982-86). Professional – Spent four seasons in the National Football League, including stints with the Dallas Cowboys (1987-89), Phoenix Cardinals (1989) and Los Angeles Raiders (1990).

**POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:** Player – 1982 Sun Bowl, 1983 Peach Bowl, 1986 Aloha Bowl, Coach – 1993 Peach Bowl, 1993 Gator Bowl, 2002 NCAA Division II Playoffs, 2007 Armed Forces Bowl, 2008 Armed Forces Bowl, 2009 Armed Forces Bowl, 2010 Independence Bowl, 2011 Military Bowl, 2012 Armed Forces Bowl, 2014 Rose Bowl, 2015 Cotton Bowl, 2015 College Football Playoff (Cotton Bowl), 2017 Holiday Bowl, 2018 Redbox Bowl, 2019 Pinstripe Bowl.



**ROSS ELS**  
LINEBACKERS COACH/  
SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

Ross Els is in his second season at Michigan State as the special teams coordinator and linebackers coach. During his first season in East Lansing, Els helped mentor Antjuan Simmons, who earned second-team All-Big Ten honors from the media after leading the team in tackles for the second year in a row with 75 in just seven games. Simmons' 10.7 tackles per game ranked second best in the Big Ten Conference. A coaching veteran of more than 30 years, Els spent three seasons (2017-19) as the inside linebackers coach at Colorado before arriving to MSU. Els also added duties of special teams coordinator under Tucker in 2019 at CU. Under Ross Els' direction at CU, junior linebacker Nate Landman earned first-team All-Pac 12 honors after leading the Buffaloes and ranking fourth in the conference and 20th in the FBS with 104 total tackles. Els, 55, has previous experience in the Big Ten, serving as the defensive coordinator at Purdue in 2016 and four seasons at Nebraska under Coach Bo Pelini from 2011-14. Els coached the linebackers during his four seasons in Lincoln and also spent three years as the special teams and recruiting coordinator. During his time at Nebraska, Els helped develop Lavonte David, the 2011 Big Ten Linebacker of the Year and a Butkus Award finalist. A second-round NFL Draft selection in 2012, David completed his ninth season in the NFL with Tampa Bay in 2020 and helped the Buccaneers win Super Bowl LV. Nebraska was 37-16 in his four years on staff, including a trip to the 2012 Big Ten Championship Game and four bowl appearances: Capital One (2012 and 2013), Gator (2014) and Holiday (2014). Prior to Nebraska, Els was the linebackers coach for six seasons (2005-10) at Ohio, working under Frank Solich. Els coached in the FBS for the first time when he spent four years at New Mexico State, first tutoring the safeties and special teams for the 2001 and 2002 seasons, and then the linebackers along with a promotion to defensive coordinator in 2003 and 2004. Els was the head coach at Hastings (Neb.) College from 1997-2000, where he was the quarterbacks coach in 1995 and the defensive coordinator and secondary coach in 1996.

## THE ELS FILE

**FAMILY:** Wife, Jane; two daughters, Julie and Taylor; and a son, Bo.

**YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:** Second. Joined staff on Feb. 24, 2020, from Colorado.

**PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:** Graduate assistant (defense) at Northern Iowa (1989); Secondary coach at Nebraska-Omaha (1990-93); Secondary coach at Northern Iowa (1994); Quarterbacks coach at Hastings (Neb.) College (1995); Defensive coordinator/secondary coach at Hastings College (1996); Head coach at Hastings College (1997-2000); Safeties/special teams coach at New Mexico State (2001-02); Defensive coordinator/linebackers coach at New Mexico State (2003-04); Linebackers coach at Ohio (2005-06); Linebackers coach and special teams coordinator at Ohio (2007-09); Assistant head coach/linebackers coach/special teams coordinator at Ohio (2010); Linebackers coach at Nebraska (2011); Linebackers coach/special teams coordinator/recruiting coordinator at Nebraska (2012-14); Linebackers coach at Lincoln Southwest High School (2015); Defensive coordinator/safeties coach at Purdue (2016); Inside linebackers/special teams coach at Colorado (2017-19).

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in management information systems from Nebraska-Omaha in 1988; Master's degree in physical education from Northern Iowa in 1990.

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE:** College – Four-year letterwinner as a safety at Nebraska-Omaha.

**POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:** Coach – 2006 GMAC Bowl, 2009 Little Caesars Bowl, 2010 New Orleans Bowl, 2012 Capital One Bowl, 2013 Capital One Bowl, 2014 Gator Bowl, 2014 Holiday Bowl.





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# ASSISTANT COACHES



**TED GILMORE**  
TIGHT ENDS COACH

A 26-year coaching veteran with experience at the FBS and NFL ranks, Ted Gilmore is in his second season as the tight ends coach. Gilmore has developed numerous NFL players, draft picks and All-Americans during his coaching career. He was named the 2011 FootballScoop Wide Receivers Coach of the Year after mentoring consensus All-American Robert Woods and 2011 Freshman All-American Marquise Lee at USC. Gilmore has also coached on the game's biggest stages with 13 trips to bowl games, including the Rose Bowl, Orange Bowl and multiple trips to the Cotton and Holiday Bowls. Gilmore, 54, arrived in East Lansing in 2020 after spending the previous five seasons (2015-19) as the wide receivers coach at Wisconsin; he was also the offensive pass game coordinator his last three years in Madison. The Badgers posted a 52-16 record during his five seasons at UW, including three Big Ten West Division titles, a trip to the Rose Bowl, and wins in the Cotton, Orange and Pinstripe Bowls. Under Gilmore's tutelage, Wisconsin's Quintez Cephus became one of the best receivers in the Big Ten, earning second-team all-conference honors from Pro Football Focus in 2019, and was a fifth-round pick in the 2020 NFL Draft by the Detroit Lions. Gilmore re-entered the college coaching ranks with Wisconsin in 2015 after spending three seasons as the wide receivers coach for the Oakland Raiders (2012-14). Before moving to the NFL, Gilmore spent 18 years at the collegiate level. He coached at USC in 2011 and was named FootballScoop Wide Receivers Coach of the Year for helping to mold one of the top receiving corps in the country, led by 2011 Biletnikoff Award finalist and consensus All-American Robert Woods and 2011 Freshman All-American Marquise Lee. Both went on to be selected in the second round of the NFL draft. Prior to USC, Gilmore spent six seasons as the wide receivers coach at Nebraska (2005-10), adding the title of assistant head coach in his final three seasons while also serving as the Huskers' recruiting coordinator. Gilmore also coached wide receivers at Colorado (2003-04), Purdue (2001-02) and Houston (2000). He was the tight ends coach at Kansas in 1999 and coached wide receivers at his alma mater, Wyoming, the previous two seasons.

## THE GILMORE FILE

**FAMILY:** Wife, Jennifer; daughter, Taylor; son, T.J.

**YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:** Second. Joined staff on Feb. 21, 2020, from Wisconsin.

**PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:** Graduate assistant at Wyoming (1994-96); Wide receivers coach at Wyoming (1997-98); Tight ends coach at Kansas (1999); Wide receivers coach at Houston (2000); Wide receivers coach at Purdue (2001-02); Wide receivers coach at Colorado (2003-04); Wide receivers coach at Nebraska (2005-07); Assistant head coach/wide receivers coach/recruiting coordinator at Nebraska (2008-10); Wide receivers coach at USC (2011); Wide receivers coach with Oakland Raiders (2012-14); Wide receivers coach at Wisconsin (2015-16); Offensive pass game coordinator/wide receivers coach at Wisconsin (2017-19).

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in sociology from Wyoming in 1991.

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE:** College – Two-year letterwinner as a wide receiver at Wyoming from 1988-89. Played two seasons at Butler Community College in 1986-87.

**POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:** Coach – 2001 Sun Bowl, 2002 Sun Bowl, 2004 Houston Bowl, 2005 Alamo Bowl, 2007 Cotton Bowl, 2009 Gator Bowl, 2009 Holiday Bowl, 2010 Holiday Bowl, 2015 Holiday Bowl, 2017 Cotton Bowl, 2018 Orange Bowl, 2018 Pinstripe Bowl, 2020 Rose Bowl.



**COURTNEY HAWKINS**  
WIDE RECEIVERS COACH

Former Spartan great Courtney Hawkins enters his second season on the staff as a wide receivers coach. During his first season in East Lansing, Hawkins mentored a young but talented group of wide receivers. Redshirt sophomore Jalen Nailor produced his best season as a Spartan under Hawkins, leading the Big Ten in yards per catch (19.1) while also ranking sixth in receiving yards per game (73.6 ypg). Overall, Nailor had 26 catches for 515 yards and four TDs, including 100-yard efforts against Iowa (119) and Penn State (100). In addition, redshirt sophomore Jayden Reed, in his first year as a Spartan, led the team with 33 catches and ranked 10th in the league in receptions per game (4.7). Hawkins, who played nine seasons in the NFL, came to Michigan State in February 2020 after serving as the head football coach and athletic director at his alma mater, Beecher High School, in Flint, Michigan, from 2006 to 2020. A four-year letterwinner at Michigan State (1988-91) under Coach George Perles, Hawkins was a two-time first-team All-Big Ten honoree at wide receiver. He was a member of the 1990 Big Ten Championship team and earned the Governor of Michigan Award in 1991, presented annually since 1931 to the Spartan player who is voted the most valuable by his teammates. In 1989, Hawkins broke the MSU single-season record for receiving yards with 1,080, a mark that is still No. 8 on Michigan State's single-season receiving yards list. Hawkins remains ranked among Michigan State's career leaders in kick return yards (No. 5 with 1,571), receiving yards (No. 6 with 2,210), receptions (No. 7 with 138), all-purpose yards (No. 8 with 4,125) and TD receptions (tied for No. 16 with 12). Hawkins was selected in the second round (44th overall) of the 1992 NFL Draft by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He spent nine seasons in the NFL, playing for Tampa Bay from 1992-1996, before joining the Pittsburgh Steelers from 1997 to 2000. For his NFL career, Hawkins snared 366 passes for 4,573 yards and 18 TDs. A native of Flint, Michigan, Hawkins previously served as the head football coach and athletic director at his alma mater, Beecher High School, beginning in 2006 up until his hiring at MSU in February 2020. He was named the regional Athletic Director of the Year in 2018 by the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. During his time as the head football coach for 14 seasons, Beecher reached the state playoffs 12 times and won three conference championships, three division championships and one regional championship. Under Hawkins' leadership as AD, Beecher won five Class C boys basketball state championships. Hawkins is a member of both the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame and the Greater Flint African-American Sports Hall of Fame. He received the Donald Riegler Community Service Award in 2019 for his service to the city of Flint.

## THE HAWKINS FILE

**FAMILY:** Wife, Candace, and three daughters: Ciya, Comari and Cayla.

**YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:** Second. Joined staff on Feb. 19, 2020, from Flint Beecher High School.

**PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:** Head football coach/athletic director at Flint Beecher High School from 2006-20.

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Michigan State.

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE:** College – Four-year letterwinner as a wide receiver at Michigan State (1988-91). Professional – Spent nine seasons in the National Football League, including stints with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1992-96) and Pittsburgh Steelers (1997-2000).

**POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:** Player – 1989 Gator Bowl, 1989 Aloha Bowl, 1990 John Hancock Bowl. Professional – 1998 AFC Playoffs, including AFC Championship Game, with Steelers.



**WILLIAM PEAGLER**  
RUNNING BACKS COACH

William Peagler, 35, enters his second season as the Michigan State running backs coach. He was the director of quality control for the offense in 2019 at Colorado and has been coaching in college for the past 11 seasons. He has been on the same staff as offensive coordinator Jay Johnson five times (Michigan State, Colorado, Georgia, Minnesota, Louisiana). Peagler spent one season under head coach Mel Tucker at Colorado in 2019 and followed Tucker to East Lansing in 2020. Peagler went to Colorado from Louisiana (formerly UL-Lafayette), where he spent the 2018 season as the Ragin' Cajuns' director of player personnel and quality control coordinator. UL won the Sun Belt West Division title and earned a berth into the AutoNation Cure Bowl. In addition, Peagler helped Louisiana recruit the No. 1 class in the Sun Belt Conference. During Georgia's run to the College Football Playoff National Championship in 2017, Peagler served as a graduate assistant for the Bulldogs, working with the offensive line. UGA won a school-record 13 games, the SEC Championship, and the Rose Bowl over Oklahoma in the CFP Semifinal during Peagler's year in Athens. He was also on the staff that signed the nation's consensus top recruiting class for 2018. Peagler worked with NFL first-rounder Isaiah Wynn, who earned first-team All-SEC honors as an offensive tackle in 2017. Peagler joined the Minnesota staff in January 2016 as an assistant in quality control for the offense, particularly working with the offensive line. During the 2016 season, Minnesota defeated Washington State in the Holiday Bowl and won nine games under coach Tracy Clayes. In 2015, Peagler was the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Olive Branch High School in Mississippi. He was at Coffeyville Community College in 2014, where he was the run game coordinator with additional duties as the school's recruiting coordinator. Previously, he had spent the 2011-13 seasons at Louisiana (formerly UL-Lafayette), where he first worked under Johnson. Peagler's first taste of coaching came as the tight ends coach at Valdosta State for the 2010 season.

## THE PEAGLER FILE

**YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:** Second. Joined staff on Feb. 24, 2020, from Colorado.

**PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:** Tight ends coach at Valdosta State (2010); Offensive quality control assistant at Louisiana (2011); Offensive graduate assistant at Louisiana (2012-13); Run game coordinator/recruiting coordinator at Coffeyville Community College (2014); Offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Olive Branch (Miss.) High School (2015); Offensive quality control assistant at Minnesota (2016); Graduate assistant (offensive line) at Georgia (2017); Director of player personnel and quality control coordinator at Louisiana (2018); Director of quality control (offense) at Colorado (2019).

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in sport management from Clemson in 2010.

**POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:** Coach – 2011 New Orleans Bowl, 2012 New Orleans Bowl, 2013 New Orleans Bowl, 2016 Holiday Bowl, 2017 Rose/CFP Semifinal, 2017 CFP National Championship, 2018 AutoNation Cure Bowl.





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**TRAVARES TILLMAN**  
CORNERBACKS COACH

Travares Tillman enters his second year at Michigan State and his first as the program's cornerbacks coach. He was promoted to an on-field coaching role in January 2021 after spending the 2020 season on staff as a senior defensive assistant. Tillman, 43, played seven seasons in the NFL as a defensive back and has nine years of coaching experience, including five at the FBS level. Tillman followed Tucker to East Lansing after spending one season as the defensive backs coach at Colorado in 2019. At Georgia, he helped tutor first-rounder Deandre Baker, an All-American and the 2018 Thorpe Award winner given to the nation's top defensive back. Tillman worked directly with Tucker at UGA in coaching the safeties and assisted with recruiting along with coaching the offensive scout team, while his quality control duties included breaking down opponents and writing weekly scouting reports. Georgia was 32-10 when he was on staff, including a 13-2 mark in 2017 that included an SEC Championship, a victory in the Rose Bowl over Oklahoma in the College Football Playoff semifinal, and an appearance in the CFP National Championship Game. Georgia was the third-ranked pass defense in the nation that season. Prior to joining Kirby Smart's staff at Georgia, he served as the defensive backs and head track coach for four years (2012-15) at Calvary Day School in Savannah, Georgia; he was also the school's assistant athletic director his last two years there. He helped coach the team to a 41-8 record over those four seasons, advancing to the state quarterfinals all four years, the state semifinals twice and in the state championship game in 2013.

## THE TILLMAN FILE

**FAMILY:** Wife, Kiki Kirchner, and three children: Atticus, Harper and Saint.

**YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:** Second overall. Joined MSU staff as a senior defensive assistant in 2020 and joined full-time staff on Jan. 28, 2021.

**PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:** Defensive backs and head track coach at Calvary Day School in Savannah, Georgia (2012-15); defensive graduate assistant at Georgia (2016-17); Defensive quality control at Georgia (2018); Defensive backs coach at Colorado (2019); Senior defensive assistant at Michigan State (2020).

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in business management from Georgia Tech in 2010.

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE:** College – Four-year letterwinner as a defensive back at Georgia Tech (1996-99). Professional – Spent seven seasons in the National Football League, including stints with the Buffalo Bills (2000-01), Carolina Panthers (2003-04) and Miami Dolphins (2005-07).

**POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:** Player – 1997 Carquest Bowl, 1999 Gator Bowl, 2000 Gator Bowl. Coaching – Three bowl games (2016 Liberty, 2018 Rose, 2019 Sugar) and 2018 CFP National Championship.



**JASON NOVAK**  
HEAD STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH – FOOTBALL

Jason Novak enters his second year as the head coach of strength and conditioning for the football program in 2021. Novak has extensive experience in the field, including serving as the head of physical conditioning at IMG Academy (2019-20), four years as the director of strength and conditioning at Central Michigan (2015-19), and 11 years as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for the Tennessee Titans (2004-15). He joined IMG Academy's athletic and personal development team as the head of physical conditioning in June 2019. During his time as the director of strength and conditioning at Central Michigan from 2015-19, Novak oversaw the year-round training for more than 450 student-athletes. Before arriving in Mount Pleasant, Novak spent 11 years (2004-15) as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for the Tennessee Titans in the NFL. Prior to joining the Titans, Novak served at the director of strength and conditioning at Yale where he handled the design and implementation of strength and conditioning programs for football, hockey, basketball, lacrosse, field hockey and baseball in 2003-04. He served in a similar capacity at Alabama State from 2000-03, and worked as a graduate assistant/strength coach at both Baylor and Stephen F. Austin. Novak earned a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from Stephen F. Austin in 1998 and his master's degree from Baylor in sport management in 2000. A native of Houston, Texas, Novak and his wife, Michelle, have three children: Drew, Avery and Gray.



**CODY COX**  
DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL OPERATIONS

Cody Cox is entering his fifth season on the full-time Spartan football staff, his second as Director of Football Operations. Cox oversees and coordinates all of the day-to-day operations and scheduling of the football program. In his previous roles as the Director of Executive Football Operations (2019) and the Assistant Director of Football Operations and Camp Coordinator (2017-18), Cox helped coordinate the day-to-day operations of the program. Those responsibilities included planning, organizing and coordinating the annual football calendar, preseason camp, home and away team travel, training table, player guest tickets and all team related events and functions. Cox managed the design and creation of the team rules, regulations and philosophies handbook titled "The Winner's Manual" and was also responsible for planning and coordinating all aspects of the Michigan State summer football camps. Cox also helped organize and coordinate all day-to-day football-related activities for former Spartan head coach Mark Dantonio and served as the football office's liaison to the athletic communications staff. Prior to his role as the assistant director of football operations/camp coordinator, Cox worked with the MSU football operations staff as the graduate football operations assistant from 2014-16. Before his GA role, he worked alongside the coaching staff as an offensive student assistant coach over the course of 2011-13. Cox worked as a student worker in the video department during the 2010 season. Cox earned his bachelor's degree in kinesiology in 2014 and his master's in sports administration from the College of Education in 2016, both from Michigan State. He and his wife, Molly, have a 1-year-old son, Wesley James, who was born in May 2020.



**SAEED KHALIF**  
DIRECTOR OF PLAYER PERSONNEL

Saeed Khalif joined the Michigan State football staff as the program's Director of Player Personnel in June 2021. Khalif directs the recruiting efforts for the Spartans, developing and implementing strategic plans while supervising the recruiting staff. He also oversees and manages prospect identification and evaluations and works with the assistant coaches to identify prospective student-athletes. In addition, Khalif will coordinate the evaluation of all current players on the active roster, providing detailed reports to the coaching staff. He will also run the NFL Education Program and annual Spartan Pro Day. Khalif has previous experience in the Big Ten, as he spent the past four seasons (2017-20) as the Director of Player Personnel at

Wisconsin. While with the Badgers, UW's recruiting classes rose in the 247Sports composite rankings every year, including No. 16 in 2021, the highest finish for the program since the 247 team composite rankings started in 2000. Wisconsin also finished No. 15 in the 2021 Rivals team rankings, the best ever for the Badgers, dating back to 2002. Khalif arrived in Wisconsin following four seasons (2013-16) as the assistant director of player personnel at his alma mater, Georgia Tech. He previously spent the 2011 and 2012 seasons as defensive coordinator and defensive line coach at Savannah State. Prior to joining the collegiate ranks, Khalif served as head coach at Central High School in Newark, New Jersey, following stints as defensive coordinator at Redan High School and Decatur High School in Georgia. A standout defensive lineman at Georgia Tech from 1984-86, Khalif was named first-team All-ACC and honorable mention All-America as a senior. Khalif earned his bachelor's degree in industrial management from Georgia Tech in 1988.



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## THOMAS WILCHER

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY  
AND HIGH SCHOOL  
RELATIONS

Thomas Wilcher enters his first year as the program's Director of Community and High School

Relations. Wilcher will build and coordinate relationships with key groups in the state of Michigan to enhance the reach and engagement of Spartan football in the community. He previously spent the past 24 years as the head football coach at Detroit Cass Technical High School in Detroit, winning three state titles (2011, 2012, 2016), while teaching physical education. He also coached the boys' track and field team and won three Class A state championships (1994, 1995, 1996) along with two Division 1 runner-up finishes (2001, 2002). Wilcher was inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2018 and was named the Detroit Lions Michigan High School Football Coach of the Year in 2011 and the Michigan High School Coaches Association Coach of the Year in 2017.



## WILL PRICE

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE  
HEAD COACH/OPERATIONS  
ASSISTANT

Will Price is in his second year as a special assistant to head coach Mel Tucker. Price coordinates the

daily schedule for Tucker in addition to assisting with football operations. Before arriving at Michigan State, Price served as a football operations assistant and assistant to Tucker at Colorado in 2019. Price, 30, came to Colorado after three seasons at Georgia, where he had worked as the assistant director of nutrition for the football program since February 2016. He graduated from Alabama in 2013 with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology, and also earned his master's of arts from Alabama in sports management in 2015. As an undergraduate at Alabama, he worked with the team's nutritionist on a daily basis beginning in his junior year, and after he graduated, he served as a full-time intern in the same area. While on the Alabama staff, he was a part of two national championship teams.



## TAYLOR PORTER

ASSISTANT STRENGTH AND  
CONDITIONING COACH

Taylor Porter, who has 12 years of experience working at both the NFL and Power 5 levels, enters his second season as an assistant strength

and conditioning coach for football at Michigan State. Porter arrived at MSU in 2020 after working as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2019. He previously spent three seasons as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for the Tennessee Titans (2016-18), and has also been a strength and conditioning intern for the Cleveland Browns (2015), Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2015) and Houston Texans (2013). Porter was an assistant strength and conditioning coach at Nebraska from 2013-15, assisting with all aspects of the strength and conditioning program for football, including winter conditioning, summer workouts and in-season training. He has also worked as a strength and conditioning coach at TCU (2010) and Louisville (2010-13).



## DARIEN HARRIS

DIRECTOR OF PLAYER  
ENGAGEMENT

Darien Harris, a former Spartan captain on the 2015 Big Ten Championship team that reached the College Football Playoff, enters his second

year as Michigan State's Director of Player Engagement. Harris has provided an instant impact in his new role, strengthening relationships between former Spartan players and the coaching staff. He also serves as a mentor and role model for the current Spartan roster and helps coordinate the Spartan "Overtime" program. A native of Silver Spring, Maryland, Harris was a four-year letterwinner for the Spartans from 2011-15, starting two seasons at Star (weakside) linebacker. He was voted a co-captain by his teammates in 2015 and was a part of the winningest senior class at MSU with 43 victories. During his four-year Spartan career, Harris helped lead Michigan State to four bowl games, two Big Ten Championships (2013, 2015), victories in the Rose Bowl and Cotton Bowl, and a berth in the College Football Playoff. Harris, 28, graduated with a bachelor's degree in journalism in 2015 and his master's degree in marketing research in 2019.



## LORENZO GUESS

ASSOCIATE HEAD STRENGTH  
AND CONDITIONING COACH

Associate head strength and conditioning coach Lorenzo Guess, a former Michigan State safety, is in his 10th year on staff at MSU.

Guess was named a Master Strength and Conditioning Coach by the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches association (CSCCA) in May 2020, the highest honor given in the strength and conditioning coaching profession. In addition, Guess coordinates and supervises the "Overtime" player development program. Guess returned to East Lansing in 2012 to work with former longtime MSU head strength and conditioning coach Ken Mannie and former head football coach Mark Dantonio for eight seasons (2012-19). Guess has 16 years of experience as a strength and conditioning coach at the collegiate level. Since Guess' arrival as a full-time staff member, the Spartans have won two Big Ten Championships (2013, 2015) and played in seven bowl games, including three BCS/New Year's Six bowls (2014 Rose, 2015 Cotton, 2015 CFP Semifinal at Cotton Bowl).



## JOE POWELL

ASSISTANT STRENGTH AND  
CONDITIONING COACH

Joe Powell is in his second year as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for football at Michigan State. Powell previously spent two seasons

(2018-19) as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for Utah State's football team. He also served as the head strength and conditioning coach for softball and women's basketball for the Aggies. Powell's duties at USU included assisting in the design and implementation of the year-round strength and conditioning program, along with the transitional rehab/return program for student-athletes. Prior to Utah State, Powell spent three years as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for Central Michigan's football team.



## SIMONE PROULX

DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL  
ADMINISTRATION

Simone Proulx is in her 14th year working with the Spartan football program, her second as the director of football administration. Prior to

serving as the director of football administration under head coach Mel Tucker, she spent six years as the head football coach executive administrator for former head coach Mark Dantonio. Proulx plays a vital role in the day-to-day operations of the program, including coordinating housing for the program. She also supervises the Spartan Aide staff. Proulx joined the Spartan football staff in 2008 as a sport operations assistant. She received her bachelor's degree in health studies with a specialization in bioethics from Michigan State, and also earned her master's degree from MSU in sports administration.



## RICK DANISON

ASSISTANT STRENGTH AND  
CONDITIONING COACH

Rick Danison is in his second year as an assistant coach of strength and conditioning at Michigan State. Danison spent the previous 11

years at Indiana, including five years as the Director of Athletic Performance at the Wilkinson Performance Center. During his career in collegiate athletics, Danison has worked with more than 100 All-Americans, eight national champions, 17 Big Ten champions (1 team), 16 NFL draftees, 12 Big Ten record holders, 10 NCAA record holders, five Big Ten Athletes of the Year, four National Athletes of the Year, two Regional Athletes of the Year, an Olympic gold and bronze medalist, and a Bowerman Award winner. Danison also has experience working in the NFL, serving as a strength and conditioning assistant with the Cincinnati Bengals from 2008-09.





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## BILL BURGHARDT

DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL  
SPORT SCIENCE

Bill Burghardt, who is in his 10th year on the full-time staff at MSU, is in his second year as the Director of Football Sport Science. Prior to his current role, he was on the strength and conditioning staff for the Spartans and was named associate strength and conditioning coach in June 2018. He also added the duties of football analytics coordinator in 2018, a role that includes collecting, analyzing, interpreting and disseminating results of the Catapult GPS data for the staff, and moved into that role full-time under head coach Mel Tucker. Burghardt, who spent two seasons (2010-11) as a strength and conditioning graduate assistant at Michigan State, rejoined the Spartan program in July 2012. He has been a part of two Big Ten Championship teams and seven bowl games since being appointed to the full-time staff. Burghardt is a certified strength and conditioning specialist with the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCA) and the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA). After earning his bachelor's degree from Michigan State in kinesiology in 2009, Burghardt worked as a graduate student volunteer on the Spartan strength and conditioning staff in 2009-10. He received his master's degree in kinesiology in 2011 from MSU and his PhD in exercise science from Michigan State in 2021.



## EFFREM REED

OFFENSIVE ANALYST

Effrem Reed joined the Spartan football program in 2020 as an offensive analyst after spending two seasons (2018-19) as the director of player engagement at Louisiana. He also served as an on-campus recruiting quality control assistant and graduate assistant coach for the Ragin' Cajuns. Reed was a four-year letterwinner as a running back for Louisiana from 2012-15. He played under offensive coordinator Jay Johnson, who served in the same role for the Ragin' Cajuns during Reed's career. As a redshirt freshman in 2012, Reed recorded career highs in rushing yards (414), carries (86) and rushing TDs (5). Born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Reed played in 44 games throughout his collegiate career and compiled nearly 1,000 all-purpose yards to go along with eight TDs.



## DALMIN GIBSON

SPECIAL TEAMS ANALYST

Dalmin Gibson is in his second year on the Spartan staff as a special teams analyst. Gibson spent the previous three seasons at Colorado (2017-19), having joined the program in June 2017 as a graduate assistant working with the defense (mainly the inside linebackers). Gibson began his coaching career at his alma mater, Dickinson State (N.D.) University, as a student coach while he completed his degree. He was assigned his position in college — outside linebacker — to coach. He was a four-year letterman at DSU at outside linebacker, starting his senior year in 2013. After he earned his degree, Gibson moved on to Wayne State College, where as a graduate assistant, he worked with the defense and in particular the cornerbacks. After one season there, he returned to his alma mater as a full-time assistant coaching the cornerbacks and special teams in 2016.



## NICK RUFFING

OFFENSIVE ANALYST

Nick Ruffing is in his 12th year with the Michigan State football program, his sixth as a full-time offensive analyst. Ruffing provides the offensive coaches with statistical reports, including self-scouting, game film analysis and opponent tendency details. In addition, he handles opponent defensive breakdowns and scouting materials. Ruffing previously served as a strength and conditioning graduate assistant in 2009-10, an offensive graduate assistant in 2011, and a video intern in 2012 and 2013. Ruffing returned to MSU in 2015 during the Spartans' Big Ten Championship season as a recruiting intern after serving as the scouting/player personnel intern for the Detroit Lions in 2014.



## TJ HOLLOWELL

DEFENSIVE ANALYST

TJ Hollowell, who played four seasons of professional football, enters his second year on the Spartan staff as a defensive analyst. Hollowell arrived in East Lansing in 2020 after spending two seasons (2018-19) coaching at Coastal Carolina. He has also coached at Santa Margarita (Calif.) Catholic High School (2016-17), Youngstown State (2015) and Huntsville (Texas) High School (2014). A former starter at Nebraska, Hollowell compiled 173 career tackles during his time with the Huskers from 2000-03 and helped the Huskers to four bowl games, including the BCS National Championship Game in 2001. Following his professional career, in which he played with the Giants in 2004 and the Jets in 2005, he held a variety of coaching roles at his alma mater, including a defensive graduate assistant.



## KEVIN VICKERSON

DEFENSIVE ANALYST

Former Spartan defensive end Kevin Vickerson, who played eight seasons in the NFL, is in his first year as a defensive analyst. A four-year letterman from 2001-04, Vickerson saw action in 45 games at MSU, including 19 starting assignments. He finished his career with 119 tackles (81 solos, 38 assists), including 24.5 for losses (99 yards) and 8.5 sacks (58 yards). The Detroit native was selected in the seventh round (No. 216 overall) of the 2005 NFL Draft by the Miami Dolphins and went on to spend eight seasons in the NFL, including time with Tennessee (2007-09), Denver (2010-13) and Kansas City (2014). He played in 86 career games in the NFL, including 44 starts, to go along with 166 tackles and 6.5 sacks.





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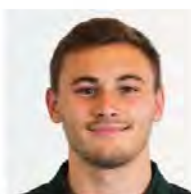
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A complex collage of various objects. At the top left is a large, realistic-looking octopus with yellowish-brown skin and prominent suckers. Below it is a metallic car wheel hub with several bolts. To the right, a train with red and white cars is shown in motion, blurred. In the foreground, there are several red chili peppers hanging from a stem. The background is a light, textured surface.

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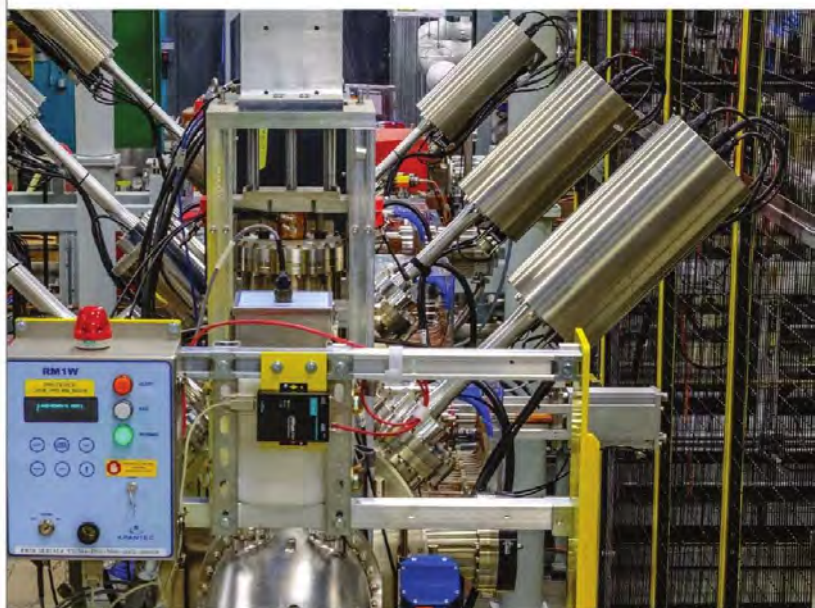
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Above and below the surface of MSU's campus, the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams is taking shape as the world's global center for the physics of atomic nuclei discovery. A core piece of the nation's research infrastructure, this U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science user facility will fuel breakthroughs in medicine, national security and industry, while answering big questions about the origins of our universe. Home to the top nuclear physics graduate program in the United States, MSU also is shaping the next generation of nuclear scientists who will advance rare isotope research for generations to come.



There isn't a major challenge facing society that doesn't have Michigan State University Spartans working on a solution. And while research and discovery at the university span a vast collection of disciplines, one question drives MSU researchers: 'What if?'

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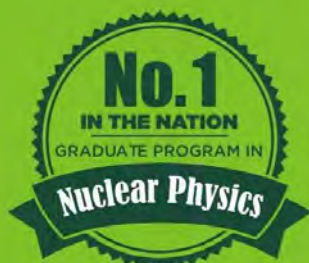


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# STUDENT-ATHLETE SUPPORT SERVICES

**W**e are committed to providing our student-athletes with the academic tools necessary to be successful in the classroom, but also prepare them for their future. Our goal is for each and every student-athlete to leave MSU with not only a degree, but a plan for employment or postgraduate study.

The Clara Bell Smith Academic Center is a 31,000-square-foot facility that was funded by private donations, led by a \$2.5 million donation by former NBA player Steve Smith. The building was named in honor of his mother, Clara Bell Smith.

## ACADEMIC SERVICES

We provide each student-athlete with a comprehensive and individualized academic support plan. The guidance, resources and support that each student-athlete receives enhance their development both academically and personally.

The first stand-alone academic services building in the country, the Clara Bell Smith Center provides students with two large tutorial rooms, 10 small tutorial rooms, two computer labs and an auditorium.

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## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Career development is based on a three-part process that consists of career exploration, career development and career placement.

Some of the tools used to accomplish this include:

- iStart Strong - These tests help student-athletes determine career and major interests specific to MSU.
- Workshops - Career workshops are held frequently to address resume and cover letter writing, interviewing skills and networking.
- Career Fairs and Student-Athlete Career Mixer - In addition to the University's Career Fairs, SASS hosts a Career Mixer strictly for student-athletes. This intimate mixer is encouraged for all student-athletes regardless of year in school or major.
- Spartan Career Network - The Spartan Career Network connects student-athletes with employers who are seeking individuals for full-time jobs and internships.
- Internship and job placement - Connecting with former student-athletes and MSU alumni all over the world assists student-athletes with finding internships and job placement.
- LinkedIn and Resource Office hours.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH (PACT PROGRAM: PUTTING ATHLETES AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER)

- The Community Outreach program allows student-athletes to gain valuable experience, learn new skills and develop a sense of involvement that will stay with student-athletes throughout their life. Numerous outreach



opportunities are arranged by the Student-Athlete Development Program including:

- Student-Athlete Food Drive - Each fall student-athletes collect non-perishable foods from the surrounding neighborhoods to donate to the Greater Lansing and Michigan State University Foodbanks.
- March is Reading Month - Student-athletes read to elementary age students.
- Teams for Toys - Each team adopts a family in an underprivileged area, raises money and purchases, wraps and delivers gifts to the family.
- Shoot for a Cure - Charity events are held to raise money to fight children's cancer.
- Random Acts of Kindness Week
- Requested Outreach - Student-athletes can participate in various opportunities throughout the year such as DARE graduations, assembly speakers, celebrity readers, etc.

## ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Over the last 17 seasons (2004-20), Spartan football has produced 300 Academic All-Big Ten selections, including a program-record 33 in 2020. MSU had a Big Ten-best 18 Academic All-Big Ten selections in 2005, and 17 during MSU's Big Ten and Rose Bowl Championship season in 2013. During that time, the Spartans have also had 11 selections to the Academic All-America team. More than 240 student-athletes graduated under former MSU head coach Mark Dantonio, who retired in February 2020 as the winningest coach in the history of the program.

Overall, Spartan student-athletes have performed at an increasingly high level over the past decade and posted record-breaking numbers in the fall and spring semesters in 2020-21. In a semester that saw all but one of Michigan State's teams compete, Spartan student-athletes turned in an excellent semester in the classroom in the spring of 2021, posting the highest cumulative GPA in athletic department history (3.3051). The 3.3051 all-department cumulative GPA marks the first time ever above a 3.3, and the 21st consecutive

semester over a 3.0. Spartan student-athletes posted an all-department semester GPA of 3.2967, the third highest semester GPA in department history and the 17th consecutive semester over a 3.0. A record-tying 20 teams posted a 3.0 cumulative GPA, while 19 teams posted a 3.0 semester GPA. Seven programs posted their highest cumulative GPA in program history, including men's golf, gymnastics, volleyball, softball, rowing, women's track and field and football.

Individually, an all-time high 545 students finished spring 2021 with a 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher. For the semester, 118 students earned a perfect 4.0 GPA among 506 students who earned a 3.0 or higher GPA for the term. In addition, 399 student-athletes were recognized on the Academic All-Big Ten team, including a conference-best 15 honorees with perfect 4.0 GPAs in the spring, and 269 earned Big Ten Distinguished Scholar honors.

Michigan State has placed three student-athletes in the National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Class (Kirk Cousins in 2011; Max Bullough in 2013; Mike Sadler in 2014) in the past 10 years. Spartan football players have earned Academic All-America honors 11 times since 2005, most recently in 2018, as Cole Chewins garnered All-America accolades for the second consecutive year. Sadler, MSU's first four-time Academic All-American, was a finalist for the 2014 William V. Campbell Trophy (nation's top scholar-athlete). Bullough also earned first-team Academic All-America accolades in 2013 following his second-team selection in 2012. In 2009, Blair White became the program's first Academic All-America First Team selection since 1993 with his 3.89 GPA in human biology. Two other former Spartan leaders, center Chris Morris and quarterback Drew Stanton, also received second-team Academic All-America accolades in 2005. In addition, seven Spartans (Stanton, White, Cousins, Sadler, Jack Allen, Josiah Price and Khari Willis) have earned the Big Ten's highest award, the Conference Medal of Honor, for outstanding athletic and academic achievement.

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# STUDENT-ATHLETE ENGAGEMENT

**M**SU Athletics strives to place our student-athletes in the best position to succeed beginning with their transition to MSU from high school, the college experience on campus and preparation for the next step in life. Student-Athlete Engagement (SAE) supports our student-athletes in their overall development throughout their time at MSU, focusing on personal development, leadership education, diversity programming and engaging student-athletes in their transition to and from the campus community.

## OVERTIME PROGRAM

The Overtime Program provides our football student-athletes the necessary tools to be accomplished Spartan football student-athletes while being game changers on campus, in the community and in their future endeavors.

### Keeping It Real

Meeting once weekly by recruiting class, facilitators help freshman football student-athletes adjust to campus life at MSU, cultivate class unity and focus on achievement through weekly speakers, relevant discussion topics and visits from former Spartan student-athletes, campus administrators and community leaders in a judgment-free environment.

### Faculty Mentor Program

Second year football student-athletes are matched with a faculty or staff member from the campus community to build a lifelong relationship and unpack important campus benchmarks such as major selection, networking, career exploration and campus resources.

### Career Seminars

Through seminars with nationally recognized and experienced professionals, football student-athletes are prepared for the "real" world by engaging topics such as career coaching, dress for success and etiquette, leadership in the workplace, social media and networking, and post-football identity. Opportunities for job shadows and internships are also available.

### Lansing Promise Partnership

Spartan Football has partnered with Lansing Promise Schools in the City of Lansing. Students from local schools are hosted on campus while coaches and football student-athletes visit area schools promoting an environment of giving back and impacting the futures of local students in our community.

## DIVERSITY AND LEADERSHIP

We are committed to diversity as a pillar of leadership. Student-Athlete Engagement offers a variety of opportunities for student-athletes to improve their leadership skills and contribute to diversity initiatives at MSU.



Spartan football student-athletes Sebastian Brown (13), Kameron Allen (82), James Ohonba (71), Michael Dowell (7), Spencer Rowland (38) and Drew Beesley (86), joined Sparty at the 2021 JDRF One Walk on Wheels, supporting Rowland and his fight against type 1 diabetes. The annual JDRF One Walk event brings together thousands of people across the country to change the future for everyone living with type 1 diabetes (T1D).

### Athletic Director's Leadership Group

In gatherings with the Athletics Director throughout the academic year, future student-athlete leaders have the chance to sharpen their leadership skills and engage with athletic administrators, campus administration and community leaders.

### Diversity and Leadership Committee (DLC)

Student-athletes who are passionate about diversity initiatives can participate in the Diversity and Leadership Committee which is led by a student-athlete leadership team who hosts annual events, monthly conversations and dinners throughout the year.

### RISE Partnership

MSU Athletics has partnered with R.I.S.E. (Ross Initiative in Sports for Equality) to give our student-athletes the opportunity to work with a national leader commissioned in using the power of sports to improve race relations and drive social change.

### Student-Athlete Leadership Training Course

In collaboration with the Education Administration Department in the College of Education, student-athletes have access to student-athlete leadership training, an academic course in which student-athletes can enhance their leadership abilities by learning leadership roles, skills and techniques.

## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Student-Athlete Engagement organizes and delivers a number of programs and sessions aimed at assisting our student-athletes in their personal growth while at MSU.

### Financial Literacy and Education

Student-athletes have access to a nationally recognized financial literacy coach as well as the largest university credit union of its kind, MSUFCU, through workshops that address the importance of saving during college, establishing and building credit, financial implications of job opportunities and planning for a career in professional sports.

### Health and Wellness

Nationally known presenters speak to our student-athletes on the importance of building and maintaining healthy relationships as a student-athlete and beyond.

### Prevention, Outreach and Education (Title IX Office)

MSU is committed to the education and engagement of our student-athletes regarding relationship violence and sexual misconduct. MSU's Title IX Office Prevention, Outreach and Education facilitators provide on-going education through team specific sessions and trainings.

## CAMPUS PARTNERSHIPS

Providing opportunities to make connections with faculty, staff and students on campus is important to personal growth and overall success of our student-athletes. Student-Athlete Engagement collaborates with our campus partners to make available opportunities for our student-athletes to connect with various student groups and take part in many campus initiatives.

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# BOWL HISTORY

## BOWL SCOREBOARD

YEAR	DATE	BOWL	OPPONENT	RESULT	SCORE
1938	Jan. 1	Orange	Auburn	L	0-6
1954	Jan. 1	Rose	UCLA	W	28-20
1956	Jan. 2	Rose	UCLA	W	17-14
1966	Jan. 1	Rose	UCLA	L	12-14
1984	Dec. 22	Cherry	Army	L	6-10
1985	Dec. 31	All-American	Georgia Tech	L	14-17
1988	Jan. 1	Rose	Southern Cal	W	20-17
1989	Jan. 1	Gator	Georgia	L	27-34
1989	Dec. 25	Aloha	Hawaii	W	33-13
1990	Dec. 31	Sun	Southern Cal	W	17-16
1993	Dec. 28	Liberty	Louisville	L	7-18
1995	Dec. 29	Independence	Louisiana State	L	26-45
1996	Dec. 31	Sun	Stanford	L	0-38
1997	Dec. 25	Aloha	Washington	L	23-51
2000	Jan. 1	Citrus	Florida	W	37-34
2001	Dec. 31	Silicon Valley	Fresno State	W	44-35
2003	Dec. 29	Alamo	Nebraska	L	3-17
2007	Dec. 28	Champs Sports	Boston College	L	21-24
2009	Jan. 1	Capital One	Georgia	L	12-24
2010	Jan. 2	Alamo	Texas Tech	L	31-41
2011	Jan. 1	Capital One	Alabama	L	7-49
2012	Jan. 2	Outback	Georgia	W (3OT)	33-30
2012	Dec. 29	Buffalo Wild Wings	TCU	W	17-16
2014	Jan. 1	Rose	Stanford	W	24-20
2015	Jan. 1	Cotton	Baylor	W	42-41
2015	Dec. 31	Cotton	Alabama	L	0-38
2017	Dec. 28	Holiday	Washington State	W	42-17
2018	Dec. 31	Redbox	Oregon	L	6-7
2019	Dec. 27	Pinstripe	Wake Forest	W	27-21

## BOWL BREAKDOWN

BOWL APPEARANCES: 29 | RECORD IN BOWL GAMES: 13-16

<b>Alamo Bowl</b> .....0-2	<b>Independence Bowl</b> .....0-1
2003 / Nebraska 17, MSU 3	1995 / Louisiana State 45, MSU 26
2010 / Texas Tech 41, MSU 31	<b>Liberty Bowl</b> .....0-1
<b>All-American Bowl</b> .....0-1	1993 / Louisville 18, MSU 7
1985 / Georgia Tech 17, MSU 14	<b>Orange Bowl</b> .....0-1
<b>Aloha Bowl</b> .....1-1	1938 / Auburn 6, MSU 0
1989 / MSU 33, Hawaii 13	<b>Outback Bowl</b> .....1-0
1997 / Washington 51, MSU 23	2012 / MSU 33, Georgia 30 (3OT)
<b>Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl</b> .....1-0	<b>Pinstripe Bowl</b> .....1-0
2012 / MSU 17, TCU 16	2019 / MSU 27, Wake Forest 21
<b>Capital One Bowl</b> .....1-2	<b>Redbox Bowl</b> .....0-1
2000 / MSU 37, Florida 34	2018 / Oregon 7, MSU 6
2009 / Georgia 24, MSU 12	<b>Rose Bowl</b> .....4-1
2011 / Alabama 49, MSU 7	1954 / MSU 28, UCLA 20
<b>Champs Sports Bowl</b> .....0-1	1956 / MSU 17, UCLA 14
2007 / Boston College 24, MSU 21	1966 / UCLA 14, MSU 12
<b>Cherry Bowl</b> .....0-1	1988 / MSU 20, Southern Cal 17
1984 / Army 10, MSU 6	2014 / MSU 24, Stanford 20
<b>Cotton Bowl</b> .....1-1	<b>Silicon Valley Football Classic</b> .....1-0
2015 / MSU 42, Baylor 41	2001 / MSU 44, Fresno State 35
2015 / Alabama 38, MSU 0	<b>Sun Bowl</b> .....1-1
<b>Gator Bowl</b> .....0-1	1990 / MSU 17, Southern Cal 16
1989 / Georgia 34, MSU 27	1996 / Stanford 38, MSU 0
<b>Holiday Bowl</b> .....1-0	
2017 / MSU 42, Washington State 17	

Former Spartan head coach Mark Dantonio hoists the 100th Rose Bowl Game trophy following Michigan State's win over Stanford.



Brian Lewerke is the only Spartan player to be named Offensive MVP in two bowl games (2017 Holiday, 2019 Pinstripe).



Michigan State finished off an 11-2 season in 2014 with a dramatic 20-point comeback win over No. 4 Baylor, 42-41, in the 2015 Cotton Bowl Classic.





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**11 Austin Allen**  
TE • Jr.  
Aurora, Neb.



**54 Bryce Benhart**  
OL • RFr.  
Lakeville, Minn.



**69 Turner Corcoran**  
OL • Fr.  
Lawrence, Kan.



**33 Connor Culp**  
PK • Sr.  
Phoenix, Ariz.



**93 Damion Daniels**  
DL • Jr.  
Dallas, Texas



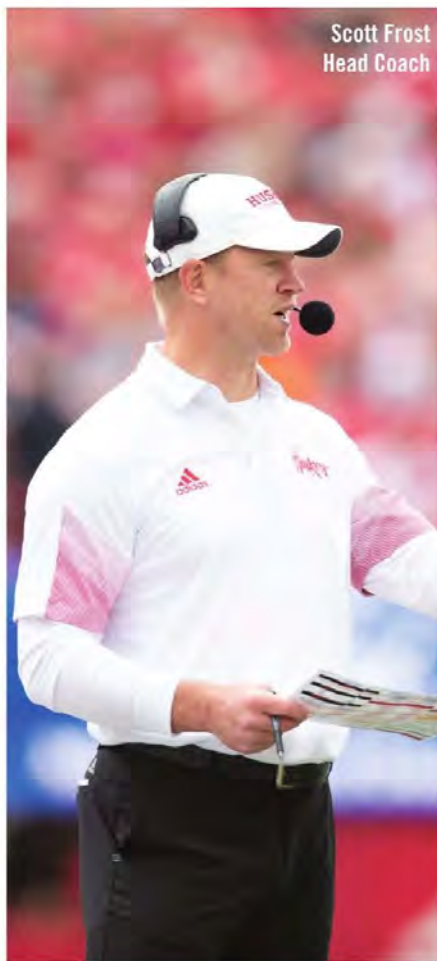
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Compton, Calif.



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OLB • Sr.  
Colorado Springs, Colo.



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RB • Fr.  
Buford, Ga.



**Scott Frost**  
Head Coach



**42 Nick Henrich**  
ILB • RFr.  
Omaha, Neb.



**51 Cam Jurgens**  
OL • So.  
Beatrice, Neb.



**85 Wyatt Liewer**  
WR • So.  
O'Neill, Neb.



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Coralville, Iowa



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# NEBRASKA QUICK FACTS



**School:** University of Nebraska

**Location:** Lincoln, Neb.

**Enrollment:** 24,431

**Nickname:** Cornhuskers, Huskers

**School Colors:** Scarlet and Cream

**Home Field:** Tom Osborne Field at Memorial Stadium

**Capacity:** 85,458

**Head Coach:** Scott Frost

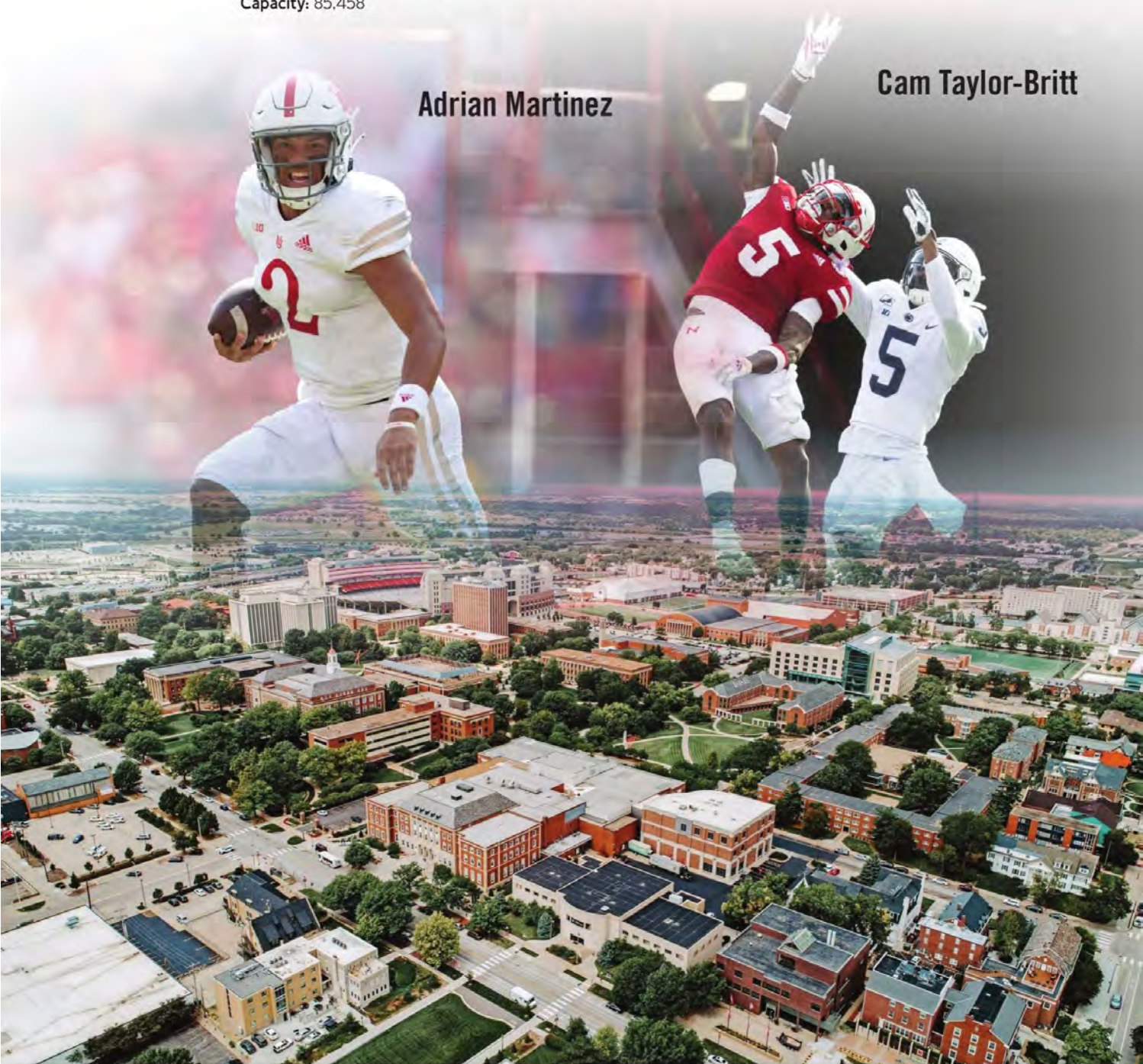
**Alma Mater:** Nebraska, 1997

**Record at NU (years):** 14-22 (4th)

**Overall Record (years):** 33-29 (6th)

**Adrian Martinez**

**Cam Taylor-Britt**







## MICHIGAN STATE LINEUP

Please note: The lineups listed below were the starters from last week's game.

### OFFENSE

WR	1	JAYDEN REED (6-0, 185, R-JR)
WR	8	JALEN NAILOR (6-0, 190, R-JR)
RB	9	KENNETH WALKER III (5-10, 210, JR)
QB	10	PAYTON THORNE (6-2, 210, R-SO)
TE	11	CONNOR HEYWARD (6-0, 230, SR-5)
WR	17	TRE MOSLEY (6-2, 195, R-JR)
C	64	MATT ALLEN (6-3, 315, GR-6)
LG	67	J.D. DUPLAIN (6-4, 305, JR)
RG	75	KEVIN JARVIS (6-6, 325, SR)
RT	76	AJ ARCURI (6-7, 320, SR-6)
LT	79	JARRETT HORST (6-6, 310, SR)

### DEFENSE

S	3	XAVIER HENDERSON (6-1, 210, SR)
LB	6	QUAVARIS CROUCH (6-2, 230, JR)
NB	7	MICHAEL DOWELL (6-1, 215, R-JR)
DT	8	SIMEON BARROW (6-2, 285, R-FR)
CB	9	RONALD WILLIAMS JR. (6-2, 185, SR)
CB	12	CHESTER KIMBROUGH (6-0, 180, JR)
S	15	ANGELO GROSE (5-10, 185, SO)
LB	27	CAL HALADAY (6-1, 235, R-FR)
DT	64	JACOB SLADE (6-4, 315, R-JR)
DE	86	DREW BEESLEY (6-2, 260, GR-6)
DE	96	JACUB PANASIUK (6-4, 255, GR-5)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

KO	4	MATT COGHILIN (5-9, 190, GR-6)
PK	4	MATT COGHILIN (5-9, 190, GR-6)
P	99	BRYCE BARINGER (6-3, 210, SR-5)
LS	31	HANK PEPPER (6-2, 205, FR)
HLD	99	BRYCE BARINGER (6-3, 210, SR-5)
KR	8	JALEN NAILOR (6-0, 190, R-JR)
PR	1	JAYDEN REED (6-0, 185, R-JR)



## NEBRASKA LINEUP

### OFFENSE

QB	2	ADRIAN MARTINEZ (6-2, 212, JR)
TE	11	AUSTIN ALLEN (6-9, 255, JR)
RB	14	RAHMIR JOHNSON (5-10, 185, R-FR)
WR	15	ZAVIER BETTS (6-2, 200, FR)
C	51	CAMERON JURGENS (6-3, 290, SO)
RT	54	BRYCE BENHART (6-9, 330, R-FR)
LT	69	TURNER CORCORAN (6-6, 300, FR)
RG	70	MATT SICHTERMAN (6-4, 310, JR)
LG	75	TRENT HIXSON (6-4, 320, JR)
TE	83	TRAVIS VOKOLEK (6-6, 260, JR)
WR	85	WYATT LIEWER (6-4, 195, SO)

### DEFENSE

DE	2	CALEB TANNOR (6-3, 225, JR)
CB	5	CAM TAYLOR-BRITT (6-0, 197, JR)
CB	6	QUINTON NEWSOME (6-1, 185, SO)
S	8	DEONTAI WILLIAMS (6-1, 205, SR)
S	9	MARQUEL DISMUKE (6-1, 210, SR)
NICK	13	JOJO DOMANN (6-1, 230, SR)
ILB	28	LUKE REIMER (6-1, 225, SO)
ILB	42	NICK HENRICH (6-3, 225, R-FR)
DE	44	GARRETT NELSON (6-3, 245, SO)
NT	93	DAMION DANIELS (6-3, 325, JR)
DT	95	BEN STILLE (6-5, 290, SR)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

KO	92	BRENDAN FRANKE (6-3, 215, FR)
PK	33	CONNOR CULP (6-0, 180, SR)
P	90	WILLIAM PRZYSTUP (6-4, 250, SO)
LS	94	CADE MUELLER (6-0, 220, SO)
HLD	90	WILLIAM PRZYSTUP (6-4, 250, SO)
KR	14	RAHMIR JOHNSON (5-10, 185, R-FR)
PR	3	SAMORI TOURE (6-3, 190, SR)



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# 2021 MICHIGAN STATE NUMERICAL ROSTER

as of September 17, 2021

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Elig.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
0	Charles Brantley	CB	6-0	165	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Sarasota, Fla. (Venice)
0	Keon Coleman	WR	6-4	210	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Opelousas, La. (Opelousas Catholic)
1	Jayden Reed	WR	6-0	185	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Naperville, Ill. (Western Michigan)
2	Harold Joiner	RB	6-4	215	Jr.	Sr.	TR	Birmingham, Ala. (Auburn)
2	Drew Jordan	DE	6-3	255	Sr.	Gr.-5	TR	Suwanee, Ga. (Duke)
3	Xavier Henderson	S	6-1	210	Sr.	Sr.	3L	Reynoldsburg, Ohio (Pickerington Central)
3	Terry Lockett Jr.	WR	6-0	180	So.	So.	1L	Minneapolis, Minn. (Minnehaha Academy)
4	Matt Coghlin	K	5-9	190	Sr.	Gr.-6	4L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller)
4	C.J. Hayes	S	6-2	205	Sr.	Gr.-5	2L	Bowling Green, Ky. (South Warren)
5	Michael Fletcher	DE	6-6	260	So.	Jr.	1L	Flint, Mich. (Carman-Ainsworth)
5	Hamp Fay	QB	6-5	220	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Hudson Oaks, Texas (All Saints Episcopal)
6	Malik Carr	TE	6-5	245	Fr.	Sr.	TR	Inkster, Mich. (Purdue)
6	Quavaris Crouch	LB	6-2	230	Jr.	Jr.	TR	Charlotte, N.C. (Tennessee)
7	Michael Dowell	S	6-1	215	Jr.	Sr.	2L	North Ridgeville, Ohio (St. Edward)
7	Ricky White	WR	6-1	185	Fr.	So.	RS	Marietta, Ga. (Marietta)
8	Simone Barrow	DT	6-2	285	Fr.	So.	RS	Grovetown, Ga. (Grovetown HS)
8	Jalen Nailor	WR	6-0	190	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Palmdale, Calif. (Bishop Gorman)
9	Kenneth Walker III	RB	5-10	210	Jr.	Jr.	TR	Arlington, Tenn. (Wake Forest)
9	Ronald Williams	CB	6-2	185	Sr.	Sr.	TR	Ferriday, La. (Alabama)
10	Ma'a Gaotele	LB	6-1	245	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
10	Payton Thorne	QB	6-2	210	So.	Jr.	1L	Naperville, Ill. (Naperville Central)
11	Antoine Booth II	CB	5-11	175	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Jessup, Md. (DeMatthia Catholic)
11	Connor Heyward	TE	6-0	230	Sr.	Sr.-5	3L	Duluth, Ga. (Peachtree Ridge)
12	Chester Kimbrough	CB	6-0	180	Jr.	Jr.	TR	New Orleans, La. (Florida)
13	Sebastian Brown	WR	6-3	190	Fr.	So.	RS	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)
13	Ben VanSumeren	LB	6-3	240	Jr.	Sr.	TR	Bay City, Mich. (Michigan)
14	Khary Crump	CB	6-0	175	Fr.	So.	TR	Culver City, Calif. (Arizona)
14	Noah Kim	QB	6-2	185	Fr.	So.	RS	Centerville, Va. (Westfield)
15	Angelo Grose	S	5-10	185	So.	So.	1L	Mansfield, Ohio (Mansfield Senior)
15	Anthony Russo	QB	6-4	240	Sr.	Gr.-5	TR	Doylestown, Pa. (Temple)
16	Christian Fitzpatrick	WR	6-4	205	Fr.	So.	TR	Southfield, Mich. (Louisville)
17	Tre Mosley	WR	6-2	195	So.	Jr.	1L	Pontiac, Mich. (West Bloomfield)
18	Kalon Gervin	CB	5-11	195	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Technical)
18	Andrew Schorffhaar	QB	6-2	195	Fr.	So.	RS	DeWitt, Mich. (DeWitt)
19	Itayvion Brown	LB	6-4	230	Fr.	So.	TR	St. Louis, Mo. (Minnesota)
19	Zach Gillespie	QB	6-2	205	Fr.	So.	RS	East Lansing, Mich. (Lansing Catholic)
20	Emmanuel Flowers	CB	6-2	205	Sr.	Gr.-5	2L	Chino Hills, Calif. (Ayala)
21	Chase Kline	LB	6-4	245	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Chardon, Ohio (Chardon)
21	Davion Primm	RB	6-0	195	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Detroit, Mich. (Oak Park)
22	Jordan Simmons	RB	5-11	195	So.	So.	1L	Marietta, Ga. (McEachern)
22	Darius Snow	S	6-1	220	So.	So.	1L	Frisco, Texas (Hebron)
24	Elijah Collins	RB	6-1	225	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Detroit, Mich. (University of Detroit Jesuit)
24	Michael Gravely	DB	6-0	210	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Cleveland, Ohio (Glenville)
25	Cole DeMarzo	LB	6-4	225	Fr.	So.	RS	Hilton Head Island, S.C. (Hilton Head)
25	Joseph Martinez	WR	5-9	195	Fr.	So.	RS	Holt, Mich. (Holt)
26	Brandon Wright	DE	6-2	240	Jr.	Jr.	2L	Euclid, Ohio (Euclid)
27	Cal Haladay	LB	6-1	235	Fr.	So.	RS	Elysburg, Pa. (Southern Columbia)
28	Tate Hallock	S	6-4	210	So.	Jr.	1L	Grand Rapids, Mich. (Forest Hills Central)
29	A.J. Kirk	S	6-1	200	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Columbus, Ohio (Archbishop Hoban)
29	Marqui Lowery	CB	6-0	175	Fr.	So.	TR	Charlotte, N.C. (Louisville)
30	Justin White	CB	5-9	180	So.	Jr.	SQ	Agoura Hills, Calif. (Colorado Mesa)
31	Kobe Myers	S	6-1	220	Fr.	So.	RS	Pontiac, Mich. (Blair Academy)
31	Hank Pepper	LS	6-2	205	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Chandler, Ariz. (Chandler)
32	Zach Denha	DB	6-0	185	Fr.	So.	RS	Rochester Hills, Mich. (Stony Creek)
32	Donovan Eaglin	RB	5-11	235	Fr.	So.	RS	Rosharon, Texas (Manvel)
33	Kendell Brooks	DB	6-0	205	Jr.	Jr.	TR	Swansea, S.C. (North Greenville)
34	Khalil Majeed	S	5-11	190	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Moorestown, N.J. (Suffield Conn. Academy)
35	Sam Edwards	LB	6-0	215	Fr.	So.	RS	Williamston, Mich. (Lansing Catholic)

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36	Torrell Williams	DB	5-10	175	So.	Jr.	SQ	Detroit, Mich. (Cranbrook-Kingswood)
38	Spencer Rowland	CB	6-0	195	Sr.	Gr.-6	TR	Saranac, Mich. (Wheaton College)
39	Evan Johnson	K	5-11	215	Jr.	Sr.	TR	Okemos, Mich. (Hope College)
40	Powers Warren	TE	6-4	230	Sr.	Sr.-5	TR	Minnetonka, Minn. (Mississippi State)
41	Derrick Harmon	DT	6-5	330	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Detroit, Mich. (Loyola)
42	Carson Casteel	LB	6-2	215	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Florence, Ala. (Florence)
42	Nick Hunter	WR	5-10	190	So.	Jr.	SQ	Grayling, Mich. (Grayling)
43	Cody Waddell	P	6-1	205	Sr.	Gr.-6	TR	Elkton, Md. (Texas Tech)
44	Adam Berghorst	TE	6-7	255	Jr.	Jr.	2L	Zeeland, Mich. (Zeeland East)
44	Samih Beydoun	LB	5-11	225	So.	So.	TR	Novi, Mich. (Army West Point)
45	Nash Harvey	LB	6-4	245	Sr.	Sr.-5	3L	Hartland, Wis. (Arrowhead)
47	Jackson Morse	TE	6-3	230	So.	Jr.	SQ	East Lansing, Mich. (Davenport)
47	Jeff Pietrowski	DE	6-1	250	So.	So.	1L	Medina, Ohio (St. Edward)
50	Tyson Watson	DT	6-6	275	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Roseville, Mich. (Warren Mott)
53	Brandon Baldwin	OT	6-7	315	So.	So.	JC	Detroit, Mich. (Independence CC)
54	Kyle King	DT	6-3	270	Fr.	So.	RS	Greenfield, Ind. (New Palestine)
55	Zach Slade	DE	6-4	265	Jr.	Sr.	SQ	Lewis Center, Ohio (Olentangy)
56	Matt Carrick	OG	6-5	325	Sr.	Sr.-5	3L	Minerva, Ohio (Perry)
57	Evan Brunning	DT	6-5	300	So.	Jr.	SQ	Oxford, Mich. (Oxford)
58	Spencer Brown	OL	6-6	320	So.	Jr.	SQ	Commerce Township, Mich. (Walled Lake Western)
59	Nick Samac	OL	6-4	310	Jr.	Jr.	2L	Mentor, Ohio (Mentor)
62	Luke Campbell	OL	6-5	290	Sr.	Gr.-6	3L	Lewis Center, Ohio (Olentangy)
64	Matt Allen	C	6-3	315	Sr.	Gr.-6	3L	Hinsdale, Ill. (Hinsdale Central)
64	Jacob Slade	DT	6-4	315	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Lewis Center, Ohio (Olentangy)
67	J.D. Duplain	OG	6-4	305	Jr.	Jr.	2L	Strongsville, Ohio (Strongsville)
68	Dan VanOpstall	OT	6-6	305	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Jenison, Mich. (Jenison)
69	Blake Bueter	OL	6-4	320	Sr.	Sr.-5	3L	Howell, Mich. (Detroit Catholic Central)
70	Kevin Wigenton	OL	6-5	330	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Colts Neck, N.J. (The Hun School)
71	James Othonba	OG	6-4	325	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Stockbridge, Ga. (Woodland)
72	Dallas Fincher	OL	6-4	300	Fr.	So.	RS	Kentwood, Mich. (East Kentwood)
73	Jacob Isaia	OL	6-3	310	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
74	Geno VanDeMark	OL	6-5	325	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Lodi, N.J. (St. Joseph)
75	Kevin Jarvis	OL	6-6	325	Sr.	Gr.-5	3L	Chicago, Ill. (Maine South)
76	Al Arcuri	OT	6-7	320	Sr.	Gr.-6	3L	Powell, Ohio (Olentangy Liberty)
77	Ethan Boyd	OL	6-7	330	Fr.	Fr.	HS	East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing)
79	Jarrett Horst	OT	6-6	310	Sr.	Sr.	TR	Middleton, Wis. (Arkansas State)
80	Ian Stewart	WR	6-3	215	Fr.	So.	RS	Woodhaven, Mich. (O.A. Carlson)
81	Parks Gissinger	TE	6-4	240	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Chaminade College Prep)
82	Kameron Allen	TE	6-4	240	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Forney, Texas (North Forney)
83	Montorie Foster	WR	6-0	185	So.	So.	1L	Cleveland, Ohio (St. Edward)
85	Cade McDonald	WR	5-11	195	So.	Jr.	1L	Naperville, Ill. (Naperville Central)
86	Drew Beesley	DE	6-2	260	Sr.	Gr.-6	3L	Rochester Hills, Mich. (Warren De La Salle)
86	Aubrey Dawkins	WR	5-10	180	Fr.	So.	RS	Verona, Wis. (Verona)
87	Jahz Watts	WR	6-0	180	Sr.	Sr.-5	1L	Belleville, Mich. (Belleville)
88	Trenton Gillison	TE	6-4	245	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Pickerington, Ohio (Pickerington Central)
91	Jack Camper	DT	6-5	250	Sr.	Sr.-5	3L	Virginia Beach, Va. (IMG Academy)
92	Evan Morris	TE	6-5	240	So.	Jr.	1L	Elsie, Mich. (Ovid-Elsie)
92	Michael Donovan	LS	6-3	230	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Beverly Hills, Mich. (Seaholm)
93	Alex Okelo	DE	6-5	215	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Nashville, Tenn. (Pearl Cohn)
94	Dashaun Mallory	DT	6-2	285	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Bolingbrook, Ill. (Bolingbrook)
96	Jacob Panasik	DE	6-4	255	Sr.	Gr.-5	4L	Roselle, Ill. (Lake Park West)
97	Maverick Hansen	DT	6-4	310	So.	Jr.	1L	Farmington Hills, Mich. (Harrison)
97	Tyler Hunt	TE	6-3	235	Sr.	Gr.-5	3L	Gobles, Mich. (Gobles)
98	Avery Dunn	DE	6-4	245	Fr.	So.	RS	Shaker Heights, Ohio (Shaker Heights)
98	Stephen Rusnak	K	6-1	170	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Clarkston, Mich. (Clarkston)
99	Bryce Barniger	P	6-3	210	Sr.	Sr.-5	2L	Waterford, Mich. (Illinois)
99	Jalen Hunt	DT	6-4	320	So.	Jr.	1L	Belleville, Mich. (Belleville)



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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
0	Phedarius Payne	OLB	6-3	260	Jr.	Suffolk, Va. (Nansemond River/Lackawanna [Pa.] CC)
0	Jaquez Yant	RB	6-2	245	Fr.	Tallahassee, Fla. (Amos P. Godby)
1	Tyrece Johnson	CB	6-1	190	So.	Jacksonville, Fla. (Trinity Christian Academy/Ohio State)
2	Adrian Martinez	QB	6-2	212	Jr.	Fresno, Calif. (Clovis West)
2	Caleb Tanner	OLB	6-3	225	Jr.	Stone Mountain, Ga. (Miller Grove)
3	Samori Toure	WR	6-3	190	Sr.	Portland, Ore. (Westview/Montana)
4	Alante Brown	WR	5-10	185	Fr.	Chicago, Ill. (Simeon/St. Thomas More [Conn.] Prep)
4	Myles Farmer	S	6-3	200	R-Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. (Westlake)
5	Omar Manning	WR	6-4	225	Jr.	Lancaster, Texas (Lancaster/TCU/Kilgore CC)
5	Cam Taylor-Britt	CB	6-0	197	Jr.	Montgomery, Ala. (Park Crossing)
6	Quinton Newsome	CB	6-1	185	So.	Suwanee, Ga. (North Gwinnett)
7	Tamon Lynam	CB	6-2	180	Fr.	Orlando, Fla. (Evans)
8	Logan Smothers	QB	6-2	195	Fr.	Muscle Shoals, Ala. (Muscle Shoals)
8	Deontai Williams	S	6-1	205	Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla. (Trinity Christian Academy/Jones County [Miss.] CC)
9	Marquel Dismuke	S	6-1	210	Sr.	Compton, Calif. (Calabasas)
10	Heinrich Haarberg	QB	6-5	205	Fr.	Kearney, Neb. (Kearney Catholic)
10	Jackson Hannah	ILB	6-3	220	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. (Montgomery Bell Academy)
11	Austin Allen	TE	6-9	255	Jr.	Aurora, Neb. (Aurora)
11	Braxton Clark	CB	6-4	200	So.	Orlando, Fla. (Dr. Phillips)
12	Marques Buford Jr.	DB	5-11	190	Fr.	DeSoto, Texas (Trinity Christian/St. Thomas More [Conn.] Prep)
12	Will Nixon	WR	5-11	185	Fr.	Waco, Texas (Midway)
13	Jojo Domann	OLB	6-1	230	Sr.	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Pine Creek)
14	Rahmir Johnson	RB	5-10	185	R-Fr.	Oradell, N.J. (Bergen Catholic)
15	Zavier Betts	WR	6-2	200	Fr.	Bellevue, Neb. (West)
16	Nadab Joseph	CB	6-2	195	So.	Miami, Fla. (Noland/Independence [Kan.] CC)
16	Zach Weinmaster	RB	5-10	190	R-Fr.	Loveland, Colo. (Loveland)
17	Jimari Butler	OLB	6-5	245	Fr.	Mobile, Ala. (Murphy)
17	Ty Hahn	WR	6-2	200	Fr.	Johnson, Neb. (Johnson-Brock)
18	Matt Masker	QB	6-2	220	So.	Kearney, Neb. (Kearney Catholic)
21	Noa Pola-Gates	S	6-0	180	R-Fr.	Gilbert, Ariz. (Williams Field)
21	Marvin Scott III	RB	5-9	205	Fr.	Daytona Beach, Fla. (Spruce Creek)
22	Gabe Ervin Jr.	RB	6-0	215	Fr.	Buford, Ga. (Buford)
22	Eleva Mauga-Clements	ILB	6-1	220	Jr.	Pleasant Hill, Calif. (College Park/Diablo Valley CC)
23	Isaac Gifford	S	6-1	205	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
24	Blaise Gunnerson	OLB	6-6	255	Fr.	Carroll, Iowa (Kuemper Catholic)
25	Kelen Meyer	PK	6-3	190	Fr.	Ord, Neb. (Ord)
26	Koby Bretz	DB	6-2	195	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)
28	Sevion Morrison	RB	6-0	210	Fr.	Tulsa, Okla. (Edison)
28	Luke Reimer	ILB	6-1	225	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (North Star)
29	Ashton Hausmann	DB	5-11	215	Fr.	Roca, Neb. (Norris)
29	Cooper Jewett	RB	5-10	190	R-Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Elkhorn South)
30	Markese Stepp	RB	6-1	230	So.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Cathedral/USC)
31	Chris Kolarevic	ILB	6-1	230	Jr.	Traverse City, Mich. (Saint Francis/Northern Iowa)
32	Brody Belt	WR	5-9	185	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Millard West)
33	Connor Culp	PK	6-0	180	Sr.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Desert Vista/LSU)
33	Javin Wright	S	6-4	210	R-Fr.	Chandler, Ariz. (Hamilton)
34	Simon Otte	OLB	6-2	205	So.	York, Neb. (York)
35	John Bullock	OLB	6-0	215	R-Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)
35	Trevin Luben	RB	5-11	200	Fr.	Wahoo, Neb. (Wahoo)
37	Phalen Sanford	CB	5-11	200	So.	Benkelman, Neb. (Dundy County-Stratton/Hastings College)
38	Damian Jackson	OLB	6-2	270	Jr.	Las Vegas, Nev. (Shadow Ridge)
39	Garrett Hustedt	ILB	6-2	230	R-Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Mount Michael Benedictine)
40	Daniel Cerni	P	6-4	225	Fr.	Canberra, Australia (Prokick Australia)
41	Elliott Brown	WR	5-11	180	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Elkhorn South)
41	Garrett Snodgrass	ILB	6-3	225	R-Fr.	York, Neb. (York)
42	Nick Heinrich	ILB	6-3	225	R-Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Burke)
44	Garrett Nelson	OLB	6-3	245	So.	Scottsbluff, Neb. (Scottsbluff)

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45	Kyan Brumfield	DB	6-0	185	Jr.	San Antonio, Texas (Brandeis/Colgate/Texas Tech)
48	Lane McCallum	S	6-2	215	Jr.	Norfolk, Neb. (Norfolk/Air Force)
49	Nate Boerkircher	TE	6-5	230	Fr.	Aurora, Neb. (Aurora)
50	Jailen Weaver	DL	6-8	320	Fr.	Antioch, Calif. (Antioch)
51	Cam Jurgens	OL	6-3	290	So.	Beatrice, Neb. (Beatrice)
52	Mosai Newsom	DL	6-4	285	R-Fr.	Waverly, Iowa (Waverly-Shell Rock)
53	Jake Archer	ILB	6-1	210	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Skutt Catholic)
53	Riley Moses	OL	6-2	305	R-Fr.	Fairmont, Neb. (Fillmore Central)
54	Bryce Benhart	OL	6-9	330	R-Fr.	Lakeville, Minn. (Lakeville North)
55	Chris Walker	DL	6-6	290	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb. (East)
56	Grant Tagge	ILB	6-1	205	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)
57	Ethan Piper	OL	6-3	305	R-Fr.	Norfolk, Neb. (Norfolk Catholic)
58	Ian Boerkircher	OL	6-6	280	So.	Aurora, Neb. (Aurora/Nebraska-Kearney)
58	Chris Cassidy	ILB	6-1	215	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Pius X)
59	Henry Lutovsky	OL	6-6	330	Fr.	Crawfordsville, Iowa (Mount Pleasant)
62	Noah Stafursky	OL	6-4	330	R-Fr.	York, Neb. (York)
63	Ru'Quan Buckley	DL	6-5	290	Fr.	Wyoming, Mich. (Godwin Heights)
63	Nouredin Nouli	OL	6-4	315	So.	Frankfurt, Germany (Norris/Colorado State)
65	Teddy Prochazka	OL	6-9	305	Fr.	Elkhorn, Neb. (Elkhorn South)
66	Ezra Miller	OL	6-6	315	R-Fr.	Holstein, Iowa (Ridge View/Iowa)
69	Turner Corcoran	OL	6-6	300	Fr.	Lawrence, Kan. (Free State)
70	Matt Sichterman	OL	6-4	310	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio (Kings)
72	Nash Huttmacher	DL	6-4	325	Fr.	Gacoma, S.D. (Chamberlain)
73	Broc Bando	OL	6-5	315	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb. (IMG Academy [Fla.] )
74	Brant Banks	OL	6-7	305	R-Fr.	Houston, Texas (Westbury Christian)
75	Trent Hixson	OL	6-4	320	Jr.	Omaha, Neb. (Skutt Catholic)
77	Michael Lynn	OL	6-5	295	R-Fr.	Greenwood Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek)
81	James Carnie	TE	6-5	230	Fr.	Roca, Neb. (Norris)
82	Chancellor Brewington	TE/WR	6-3	185	Jr.	Chandler, Ariz. (Hamilton/Northern Arizona)
82	Colton Feist	DL	6-2	280	So.	Yutan, Neb. (Yutan)
83	Travis Vokolek	TE	6-6	260	Jr.	Springfield, Mo. (Kickapoo/Rutgers)
85	Wyatt Liewer	WR	6-4	195	So.	O'Neill, Neb. (O'Neill)
86	AJ Rollins	TE	6-6	230	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)
87	Chris Hickman	TE	6-5	215	R-Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Burke)
88	Levi Falck	WR	6-1	200	Sr.	Circle Pines, Minn. (Centennial/South Dakota)
89	Oliver Martin	WR	6-1	200	Jr.	Coralville, Iowa (Iowa City West/Michigan/Iowa)
90	William Przysup	P	6-4	250	So.	Oviedo, Fla. (Oviedo/Michigan State)
91	Cameron Pieper	LS	6-3	260	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest)
91	Jordan Riley	DL	6-6	310	Jr.	New Bern, N.C. (Riverside/North Carolina/Garden City [Kan.] CC)
92	Brendan Franke	PK	6-3	215	Fr.	Gretna, Neb. (Gretna/Morningside)
92	Tate Wildeman	DL	6-6	280	So.	Parker, Colo. (Legend)
93	Damian Daniels	DL	6-3	325	Jr.	Dallas, Texas (Bishop Dunne)
94	Cade Mueller	LS	6-0	220	So.	Gretna, Neb. (Gretna)
95	Ben Stille	DL	6-5	290	Sr.	Ashland, Neb. (Ashland-Greenwood)
96	Marquis Black	DL	6-3	315	Fr.	McDonough, Ga. (Eagle's Landing Christian Academy)
96	Camden Witucki	LS	6-2	225	Fr.	Grand Blanc, Mich. (Grand Blanc Community)
97	Deontre Thomas	DL	6-2	285	Jr.	Mustang, Okla. (Mustang)
98	Casey Rogers	DL	6-5	290	So.	Syracuse, N.Y. (Westhill/Avon Old Farms [Conn.] )
99	Ty Robinson	DL	6-6	305	R-Fr.	Gilbert, Ariz. (Higley)





# BIG TEN CONFERENCE STANDINGS & SCHEDULES

EAST DIVISION		CONFERENCE		OVERALL	
SCHOOL		WINS	LOSSES	WINS	LOSSES
Maryland		1	0	3	0
Michigan State		1	0	3	0
Penn State		1	0	3	0
Ohio State		1	0	2	1
Michigan		0	0	3	0
Rutgers		0	0	3	0
Indiana		0	1	1	2

WEST DIVISION		CONFERENCE		OVERALL	
SCHOOL		WINS	LOSSES	WINS	LOSSES
Iowa		1	0	3	0
Illinois		1	1	1	3
Purdue		0	0	2	1
Minnesota		0	1	2	1
Wisconsin		0	1	1	1
Nebraska		0	1	2	2
Northwestern		0	1	1	2

## ILLINOIS (1-3, 1-0 BIG TEN)

8/28/21	Nebraska	W 30-22
9/4/21	UTSA	L 30-37
9/11/21	at Virginia	L 14-42
9/17/21	Maryland	L 17-20
9/25/21	at Purdue	3:30 P.M.
10/2/21	Charlotte	12:00 P.M.
10/9/21	Wisconsin	3:30 P.M.
10/23/21	at Penn State	12:00 P.M.
10/30/21	Rutgers	TBA
11/6/21	at Minnesota	TBA
11/20/21	at Iowa	TBA
11/27/21	Northwestern	TBA



## INDIANA (1-2, 0-1 BIG TEN)

9/4/21	at Iowa	L 6-34
9/11/21	Idaho	W 56-14
9/18/21	Cincinnati	L 24-38
9/25/21	at Western Kentucky	8:00 P.M.
10/2/21	at Penn State	7:30 P.M.
10/16/21	Michigan State	12:00 P.M.
10/23/21	Ohio State	TBA
10/30/21	at Maryland	12:00 P.M.
11/6/21	at Michigan	TBA
11/13/21	Rutgers	TBA
11/20/21	Minnesota	TBA
11/27/21	at Purdue	TBA

## IOWA 3-0, 1-0 BIG TEN

9/4/21	Indiana	W 34-6
9/11/21	at Iowa State	W 27-17
9/18/21	Kent State	W 30-7
9/25/21	Colorado State	3:35 P.M.
10/1/21	at Maryland	8:00 P.M.
10/9/21	Penn State	TBA
10/16/21	Purdue	TBA
10/30/21	at Wisconsin	12:00 P.M.
11/6/21	at Northwestern	TBA
11/13/21	Minnesota	TBA
11/20/21	Illinois	TBA
11/26/21	at Nebraska	1:30 P.M.

## MARYLAND (3-0, 1-0 BIG TEN)

9/4/21	West Virginia	W 30-24
9/11/21	Howard	W 62-0
9/17/21	at Illinois	W 20-17
9/25/21	Kent State	3:30 P.M.
10/1/21	Iowa	8:00 P.M.
10/9/21	at Ohio State	12:00 P.M.
10/23/21	at Minnesota	TBA
10/30/21	Indiana	12:00 P.M.
11/6/21	Penn State	TBA
11/13/21	at Michigan State	TBA
11/20/21	Michigan	TBA
11/27/21	at Rutgers	TBA

## MICHIGAN (3-0, 0-0 BIG TEN)

9/4/21	Western Michigan	W 47-14
9/11/21	Washington	W 31-10
9/18/21	Northern Illinois	W 63-10
9/25/21	Rutgers	3:30 P.M.
10/2/21	at Wisconsin	12:00 P.M.
10/9/21	at Nebraska	TBA
10/23/21	Northwestern	TBA
10/30/21	at Michigan State	TBA
11/6/21	Indiana	TBA
11/13/21	at Penn State	TBA
11/20/21	at Maryland	TBA
11/27/21	Ohio State	12:00 P.M.

## MICHIGAN STATE (3-0, 1-0 BIG TEN)

9/3/21	at Northwestern	W 38-21
9/11/21	Youngstown State	W 42-14
9/18/21	at Miami (FL)	W 38-17
9/25/21	Nebraska	7:00 P.M.
10/2/21	Western Kentucky	7:30 P.M.
10/9/21	at Rutgers	12:00 P.M.
10/16/21	at Indiana	12:00 P.M.
10/30/21	Michigan	TBA
11/6/21	at Purdue	TBA
11/13/21	Maryland	TBA
11/20/21	at Ohio State	TBA
11/27/21	Penn State	TBA

## MINNESOTA (2-1, 0-1 BIG TEN)

9/2/21	Ohio State	L 31-45
9/11/21	Miami (OH)	W 31-26
9/18/21	at Colorado	W 30-0
9/25/21	Bowling Green	12:00 P.M.
10/2/21	at Purdue	12:00 P.M.
10/16/21	Nebraska	TBA
10/23/21	Maryland	TBA
10/30/21	at Northwestern	TBA
11/6/21	Illinois	TBA
11/13/21	at Iowa	TBA
11/20/21	at Indiana	TBA
11/27/21	Wisconsin	TBA

## NEBRASKA (2-2, 0-1 BIG TEN)

8/28/21	at Illinois	L 22-30
9/4/21	Fordham	W 52-7
9/11/21	Buffalo	W 28-3
9/18/21	at Oklahoma	L 16-23
9/25/21	at Michigan State	7:00 P.M.
10/2/21	Northwestern	7:30 P.M.
10/9/21	Michigan	TBA
10/16/21	at Minnesota	TBA
10/30/21	Purdue	TBA
11/6/21	Ohio State	TBA
11/20/21	at Wisconsin	TBA
11/26/21	Iowa	1:30 P.M.

## NORTHWESTERN (1-2, 0-1 BIG TEN)

9/3/21	Michigan State	L 21-38
9/11/21	Indiana State	W 24-6
9/18/21	at Duke	L 23-30
9/25/21	Ohio	12:00 P.M.
10/2/21	at Nebraska	7:30 P.M.
10/16/21	Rutgers	12:00 P.M.
10/23/21	at Michigan	TBA
10/30/21	Minnesota	TBA
11/6/21	Iowa	TBA
11/13/21	at Wisconsin	TBA
11/20/21	Purdue	TBA
11/27/21	at Illinois	TBA

## OHIO STATE (2-1, 1-0 BIG TEN)

9/2/21	at Minnesota	W 45-31
9/11/21	Oregon	L 28-35
9/18/21	Tulsa	W 41-20
9/25/21	Akron	7:30 P.M.
10/2/21	at Rutgers	3:30 P.M.
10/9/21	Maryland	12:00 P.M.
10/23/21	at Indiana	TBA
10/30/21	Penn State	TBA
11/6/21	at Nebraska	TBA
11/13/21	Purdue	TBA
11/20/21	Michigan State	TBA
11/27/21	at Michigan	12:00 P.M.

## PENN STATE (3-0, 1-0 BIG TEN)

9/4/21	at Wisconsin	W 16-10
9/11/21	Ball State	W 44-13
9/18/21	Auburn	W 28-20
9/25/21	Villanova	12:00 P.M.
10/2/21	Indiana	7:30 P.M.
10/9/21	at Iowa	TBA
10/23/21	Illinois	12:00 P.M.
10/30/21	at Ohio State	TBA
11/6/21	at Maryland	TBA
11/13/21	Michigan	TBA
11/20/21	Rutgers	TBA
11/27/21	at Michigan State	TBA

## PURDUE (2-1, 0-0 BIG TEN)

9/4/21	Oregon State	W 30-21
9/11/21	at Connecticut	W 49-0
9/18/21	at Notre Dame	L 13-27
9/25/21	Illinois	3:30 P.M.
10/2/21	Minnesota	12:00 P.M.
10/16/21	at Iowa	TBA
10/23/21	Wisconsin	TBA
10/30/21	at Nebraska	TBA
11/6/21	Michigan State	TBA
11/13/21	at Ohio State	TBA
11/20/21	at Northwestern	TBA
11/27/21	Indiana	TBA

## RUTGERS (3-0, 0-0 BIG TEN)

9/4/21	Temple	W 61-14
9/11/21	at Syracuse	W 17-7
9/18/21	Delaware	W 45-13
9/25/21	at Michigan	3:30 P.M.
10/2/21	Ohio State	3:30 P.M.
10/9/21	Michigan State	12:00 P.M.
10/16/21	at Northwestern	12:00 P.M.
10/30/21	at Illinois	TBA
11/6/21	Wisconsin	TBA
11/13/21	at Indiana	TBA
11/20/21	at Penn State	TBA
11/27/21	Maryland	TBA

## WISCONSIN (1-1, 0-1 BIG TEN)

9/4/21	Penn State	L 10-16
9/11/21	Eastern Michigan	W 34-7
9/25/21	vs. Notre Dame	12:00 P.M.
10/2/21	Michigan	12:00 P.M.
10/9/21	at Illinois	3:30 P.M.
10/16/21	Army	8:00 P.M.
10/23/21	at Purdue	TBA
10/30/21	Iowa	12:00 P.M.
11/6/21	at Rutgers	TBA
11/13/21	Northwestern	TBA
11/20/21	Nebraska	TBA
11/27/21	at Minnesota	TBA



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cover-one and he went in motion, and I'm coming toward the line of scrimmage, and the ball was snapped, so he's coming toward me, and I'm coming toward him. And before I knew it, he ran right past me. I'm chasing after him, and I'm like 'please overthrow it, please overthrow it' and luckily it was overthrown. He had game speed...He caught a slant at Notre Dame (in 2001) and just took off and outran everybody (for the game-winning touchdown)."

As a junior in 2002, Rogers became the first Spartan to win the Biletnikoff Award, given annually to the nation's best receiver. Despite being the focus of opposing defenses, Rogers broke his own school record with 68 catches for 1,351 yards and 13 touchdowns and was a consensus All-American, first-team All-Big Ten selection, team MVP and Alderton Award winner (MSU Male Athlete of the Year). He graced the cover of *The Sporting News* in September 2002 with the headline, "Meet College Football's Best Player," and had four consecutive 100-yard receiving games to start the season. Rogers had eight receptions for a season-best 175 yards vs. Notre Dame on Sept. 21, including an acrobatic catch in the end zone late in the fourth quarter that is remembered as one of the best in Spartan history.

During his record-breaking season in 2002, Rogers became only the second receiver to MSU history to record back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons, joining Plaxico Burress, who accomplished the feat in 1998-99. Rogers led the Big Ten in receiving yards (112.6 per game) and TD receptions (13), while ranking third in receptions (5.67 per game). He also ranked among the NCAA leaders in TD catches (third with 13), receiving yards (eighth with 1,351) and receptions (tied for 27th with 68). Fifty-seven of his 68 receptions (84 percent) resulted in first downs.

With his 21-yard TD reception in the second quarter vs. Northwestern on Sept. 28, 2002, Rogers set both then NCAA and Big Ten records by catching a TD pass in his 13th consecutive regular-season game and his 14th straight game overall. He also had six 100-yard receiving games, tying the single-season mark he set as a sophomore.

*For the complete Rogers feature, please visit [MSUSpartans.com](http://MSUSpartans.com).*



**RON SCOTT**  
ICE HOCKEY (1980-83)  
Guelph, Ontario

When Ron Scott made the decision to come to Michigan State, he was hoping to be a part of something special. Two first-team All-America selections, two first-team All-CCHA nods, two Hobey Baker Award finalist appearances, three team MVP pieces of hardware and two George Alderton MSU Male Athlete of the Year trophies were just some of the honors bestowed on Scott during his marvelous three seasons for Michigan State.

"You think back and it was a long time ago, but to still be remembered and be alongside some of the greatest athletes at MSU is just a huge honor," Scott said. "I'm humbled."

Scott arrived in East Lansing from Guelph, Ontario, in what was Ron Mason's second year at MSU.

"I was familiar with Coach Mason from working at his hockey school for a few years," Scott said. "A couple of my friends that I grew up with played for him at Bowling Green. When I had the opportunity at Michigan State, I knew it'd be a perfect fit."

Scott, who along with teammate Newell Brown, came to MSU from the Cornwall Royals after winning a national championship for the junior team back home in Canada.

"The first year here was tough - we were in a complete rebuild and were a bunch of freshmen and sophomores playing against some of the best teams in the country," Scott said. "But we knew from day one and never wavered that it was going to turn around. It certainly was a culture change. We were different: we came with aspirations of playing more than college hockey."

In what was MSU's final year in the WCHA in 1980-81, Scott and the Spartans finished 12-22-2. Despite the team's record, Scott's play garnered notice as he was named the WCHA Freshman of the Year, the Spartans' Outstanding Rookie Award winner and the team MVP.

With a year of experience under their belts and the lessons of their rookie season, Scott and the Spartans had a breakout year in 1981-82. Scott backstopped the Spartans to a second-place regular season finish in the CCHA. MSU went on to win the CCHA Tournament title, with Scott winning Tournament MVP honors, and reached the NCAA Tournament for the first time in 15 years.

It was Scott's play that season that helped set the tone for the program for the years ahead. Scott posted a 2.85 GAA - the lowest by a Spartan goaltender in 12 seasons - and was a Hobey Baker Award finalist along with being named the Hockey News College Player of the Year.

While the program's first CCHA Tournament title may have been the highlight of 1981-82, it was a game earlier in the year that Scott points to as the turning point for the season - and perhaps the program.

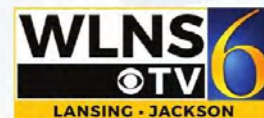
"You have to find your moment where you start to believe that you are competitive," Scott said. "For us, it came against Michigan early in the year. Munn was rocking and we had a time early in the second period where we were two men down for four straight minutes. Not only did we kill all of it off, but for the last 45 seconds our three guys pinned their five guys in their zone and the place went crazy. From then on, we steamrolled them. That was a moment when we realized we were good."

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# MSU SPARTAN MARCHING BAND

## COACH TUCKER'S PLAYLIST

BY MARY PLATT

The Michigan State Spartan Marching Band and Spartan football: you can't have one without the other! (Well, theoretically you could - but it just wouldn't be as much fun.) The Spartan Marching Band's performance is as integral to the passion and pageantry of a football Saturday as the team's performance is, and the relationship between the team and the band is a close, congenial and mutually beneficial one. Spartan head football coach Mel Tucker took several players to Spartan Marching Band practice, learning several drills and listening to the band play.

To highlight that unique partnership, the Spartan Marching Band salutes Coach Tucker during today's halftime performance, with a playlist of tunes the coach has personally selected as some of his favorites. Can you receive insight into someone's personality and thought processes by hearing their top music picks? Let's find out:

The playlist is divided into four medleys, opening with a mash-up of "24K Magic" (Bruno Mars), "Apache" (Jerry Lordan) and "Maps" (Maroon 5). The second medley features "Boo'd Up" (Joelle James), "California Love" (Tupac Shakur) and "Lose Yourself" (Eminem).



Next up is medley number three, which includes "Too Close" (Next), "Summer" (Calvin Harris) and "Old Town Road" (Lil Nas X). And the closing duo of tunes salutes both the dreamers and the doers - very appropriate for a coach's music list and philosophy: "Havana" (Camila Cabello) and "I Want Something Just Like This" (The Chainsmokers and Coldplay). Here's to you and your eclectic musical taste, Coach Tucker!

Today's halftime wind arrangements are by Sean Spicer, with percussion arranged Dr. Jon Weber. Today's drill was created by Dr. David Thornton, director of the Spartan Marching Band.

Show your support and appreciation for the MSU Spartan Marching Band throughout the year by joining the Spartan Band Fan Club at [spartanband.net](http://spartanband.net). You can also follow the band online:

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A close-up photograph of a man and a young girl with curly hair, both smiling and brushing their teeth. The man is on the right, holding a green and white toothbrush. The girl is on the left, looking up and smiling. The background is softly blurred.

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**C**harley Eisele and The Eisele Family Foundation have long been interested in the student-athlete as a complete person. "Our interest is not just the student-athlete on the field or on the court, but equally important, the student-athlete in life," said Charley. "We feel this part of the student-athlete experience has been underserved, the part that provides them with life skills that will take them beyond their athletic career in college, and serve them well as they pursue their careers in something other than athletics. So that's our passion, to help in areas where others have not."



Student-Athlete Engagement targets innovative events, programming, and workshops to better educate and engage our student-athletes in their overall experience at Michigan State University.

Their recent gift commitment will be used to expand MSU's Student-Athlete Engagement programs and increase access to these innovative events, programs, and workshops.

Personal development programming is the cornerstone for Student-Athlete Engagement with the goal to educate student-athletes in financial literacy using nationally recognized facilitators and local partners to provide relevant information on budgeting, investing, spending, and the importance of credit and saving. "With the introduction of NIL (Name, Image, Likeness) compensation, the types of education these programs will provide have become even more important," Charley said.



Margie and Charley Eisele

Recent legislation has allowed student-athletes to be compensated for their name, image, likeness, or personal appearance for promotional purposes by a non-institutional entity. "More student-athletes will be in a position where they will have discretionary funds, and the skill sets on how to invest it, save it, or budget spending, have come to the forefront in light of these changes. It is fortunate that we are expanding these programs at the same time these new rules are being put in place," explains Charley.

**"Our interest is not just the student-athlete on the field or on the court, but equally important, the student-athlete in life."**

—Charley Eisele

The philanthropic commitment from the Eisele family will allow MSU Athletics to expand the use of Game Plan, a virtual education platform that provides educational content, mentorship, and career services for student-athletes. Course examples include nutrition, professional development, mental health, and civic engagement. The Eisele Family Foundation wanted to provide more opportunities for all men's and women's teams to access this platform. "We asked that these programs be made broadly available to all student-athletes, as well as athletic alums, across all sports," Charley said.

Charley feels that one thing that is often overlooked is that student-athletes are not professional athletes; they are young adults starting out in college and there is much for them to learn. "In the grand scheme of things, they haven't had a lot of life experiences. Many haven't had the opportunity to learn skills related to financial literacy. Given the recent rule changes, it is crucial they learn these skills now and how to apply them. I asked what it would take to really give these programs a boost and get them going, and going strong. We decided to make that contribution and we're really looking forward to seeing the effects as they progress. We're very pleased to be a part of this."

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## FLOZELL ADAMS - 1997

#76, OT, 6-7, 330  
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#24, TB, 5-9, 161  
Georgetown, S.C.

## JACK ALLEN - 2014, 15

#66, C, 6-2, 299  
Hinsdale, Ill.

## MORTEN ANDERSEN - 1981

#8, PK, 6-2, 195  
Struer, Denmark

## BOB APISA - 1965, 66

#45, FB, 6-1, 212  
Honolulu, Hawaii

## ED BAGDON - 1949

#65, G, 5-10, 200  
Dearborn, Mich.

## CARL BANKS - 1983

#54, OLB, 6-6, 235  
Flint, Mich.

## HARLON BARNETT - 1989

#36, CB, 6-0, 192  
Cincinnati, Ohio

## DAVE BEHRMAN - 1961, 62

#51, OT, 6-4, 247  
Dowagiac, Mich.

## LE'VEON BELL - 2012

#24, RB, 6-2, 237  
Columbus, Ohio

## LEROY BOLDEN - 1953

#39, HB, 5-7 1/2, 163  
Flint, Mich.

## MARK BRAMMER - 1978

#91, TE, 6-4, 225  
Traverse City, Mich.

## ART BRANDSTATTER - 1936

#31, FB, 5-11, 175  
Ecorse, Mich.

## ALLEN BRENNER - 1968

#86, DB, 6-1, 194  
Niles, Mich.



Jack Allen

## ED BUDDE - 1962

#79, OT, 6-4, 243  
Detroit, Mich.

## JAMES BURROUGHS - 1981

#28, CB, 6-1, 190  
Pahokee, Fla.

## ROBERT CAREY - 1951

#88, E, 6-5, 215  
Charlevoix, Mich.

## LYNN CHANDNOIS - 1949

#14, HB, 6-2, 195  
Flint, Mich.

## DEANDRA COBB - 2003

#21, KR, 5-10, 186  
Las Vegas, Nev.

## DON COLEMAN - 1951

#78, T, 5-10, 185  
Flint, Mich.

## JACK CONKLIN - 2015

#74, OT, 6-6, 325  
Plainwell, Mich.

## RON CURL - 1971

#94, DT, 6-1, 250  
Chicago, Ill.

## DAN CURRIE - 1957

#55, C, 6-3, 225  
Detroit, Mich.

## JERRY DAPRATO - 1915

FB, 170  
Iron Mountain, Mich.

## JOE DELAMIELLEURE - 1972

#59, OG, 6-3, 242  
Center Line, Mich.

## DARQUEZE DENNARD - 2013

#31, CB, 5-11, 197  
Dry Branch, Ga.

## DON DOHONEY - 1953

#80, E, 6-1, 193  
Ann Arbor, Mich.

## AL DOROW - 1951

#47, QB, 6-0, 175  
Imley City, Mich.





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## **DORNE DIBBLE - 1950**

#82, E, 6-2, 198  
Adrian, Mich.

## **KURTIS DRUMMOND - 2014**

#27, S, 6-1, 202  
Masury, Ohio

## **ELLIS DUCKETT - 1952**

#32, E, 5-10, 176  
Flint, Mich.

## **BILLY JOE DUPREE - 1972**

#89, TE, 6-4, 216  
West Monroe, La.

## **PAUL EDINGER - 1998**

#1, PK, 5-10, 175  
Lakeland, Fla.

## **JAMES ELLIS - 1951, 52**

#11, DB, 5-11, 175  
Saginaw, Mich.

## **BRANDON FIELDS - 2004**

#8, P, 6-6, 234  
Toledo, Ohio

## **LARRY FOWLER - 1953**

#70, T, 6-1, 200  
Lansing, Mich.

## **KIRK GIBSON - 1978**

#23, WR, 6-2, 210  
Waterford, Mich.

## **RON GOOVERT - 1965**

#61, LB, 5-10, 205  
Ferndale, Mich.

## **SONNY GRANDELIUS - 1950**

#24, FB, 6-0, 195  
Muskegon Heights, Mich.

## **ROGER GROVE - 1930**

QB, 6-1, 185  
Sturgis, Mich.

## **HERB HAYGOOD - 2001**

#2, KR, 6-0, 190  
Sarasota, Fla.

## **CLINT JONES - 1965, 66**

#26, HB, 6-0, 206  
Cleveland, Ohio

## **GREG JONES - 2009, 10**

#53, LB, 6-1, 228  
Cincinnati, Ohio

## **STEVE JUDAY - 1965**

#23, QB, 6-0, 178  
Northville, Mich.

## **WALT KOWALCZYK - 1957**

#14, HB, 6-0, 205  
Westfield, Mass.

## **BOB KULA - 1989**

#63, OT, 6-4, 282  
West Bloomfield, Mich.

## **FRANK KUSH - 1952**

#60, G, 5-9, 180  
Windber, Pa.

## **EARL LATTIMER - 1963**

#76, G, 5-11, 218  
Dallas, Texas

## **SHERM LEWIS - 1963**

#20, HB, 5-9, 154  
Louisville, Ky.

## **DEAN LOOK - 1959**

#24, QB, 5-10, 175  
Lansing, Mich.

## **HAROLD LUCAS - 1965**

#51, MG, 6-2, 257  
Detroit, Mich.

## **TONY MANDARICH - 1987, 88**

#79, OT, 6-6, 315  
Oakville, Ontario

## **DON MASON - 1949**

#60, G, 5-10, 195  
Wayne, Mich.

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#57, T, 6-2, 225  
Detroit, Mich.

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#40, HB, 6-1, 190  
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#2, P, 6-3, 198  
Bridgman, Mich.

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#23, P, 6-4, 210  
Shrewsbury, N.J.

## **EARL MORRALL - 1955**

#21, QB, 6-1, 180  
Muskegon, Mich.

## **CARL NYSTROM - 1955**

#68, G, 5-10, 194  
Marquette, Mich.

## **JULIAN PETERSON - 1999**

#98, LB, 6-4, 235  
Hillcrest Heights, Md.

## **JOHN PINGEL - 1938**

#37, HB, 6-0, 178  
Mt. Clemens, Mich.

## **GERALD PLANUTIS - 1955**

#45, FB, 5-11, 175  
West Hazelton, Pa.

## **JAVON RINGER - 2008**

#23, RB, 5-9, 202  
Dayton, Ohio

## **ANDRE RISON - 1988**

#1, WR, 5-11, 195  
Flint, Mich.

## **CHARLES ROGERS - 2002**

#1, WR, 6-4, 205  
Saginaw, Mich.

## **MIKE SADLER - 2013**

#3, P, 6-0, 192  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

## **GEORGE SAIMES - 1962**

#40, FB, 5-10, 186  
Canton, Ohio

## **RON SAUL - 1969**

#70, OG, 6-2, 239  
Butler, Pa.

## **SCOTT SHAW - 1997**

#73, OG, 6-4, 297  
Sterling Heights, Mich.



Jack Conklin

## **BILL SIMPSON - 1973**

#29, DB, 6-1, 185  
Royal Oak, Mich.

## **CHARLES "BUBBA" SMITH - 1965, 66**

#95, DE, 6-7, 268  
Beaumont, Texas

## **ROBAIRE SMITH - 1998**

#91, DE, 6-5, 268  
Flint, Mich.

## **PERCY SNOW - 1988, 89**

#48, MLB, 6-3, 240  
Canton, Ohio

## **RAY STACHOWICZ - 1979, 80**

#19, P, 6-0, 190  
Broadview Heights, Ohio

## **DICK TAMBURO - 1952**

#52, C, 6-1, 200  
New Kensington, Pa.

## **BRAD VAN PELT - 1971, 72**

#10, S, 6-5, 221  
Owosso, Mich.

## **SIDNEY WAGNER - 1935**

#17, G, 5-11, 186  
Lansing, Mich.



Bubba Smith

## **GENE WASHINGTON - 1965, 66**

#84, WR, 6-3, 218  
LaPorte, Texas

## **GEORGE WEBSTER - 1965, 66**

#90, ROV, 6-4, 218  
Anderson, S.C.

## **JERRY WEST - 1966**

#77, OT, 5-11, 218  
Durand, Mich.

## **LORENZO WHITE - 1985, 87**

#34, TB, 5-11, 204  
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

## **KENNY WILLEKES - 2018**

#48, DE, 6-4, 260  
Rockford, Mich.

## **SAM WILLIAMS - 1958**

#88, E, 6-5, 225  
Dansville, Mich.

## **JEREL WORTHY - 2011**

#99, DT, 6-3, 310  
Huber Heights, Ohio

## **TOM YEWICIC - 1952**

#41, QB, 5-11, 180  
Conemaugh, Pa.



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# SPARTAN HISTORY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

In its 124-year football history, Michigan State has won six national championships according to the list of major selectors recognized by the NCAA, including three consensus titles (1952, 1965 and 1966).



## 1951

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Selectors: Billingsley, Helms, Poling.



## 1952

**National Champions (9-0-0)**

Selectors: Consensus - AP, UPI, Board, DeVold, Dunkel, Football Research, Helms, Litkenhous, National Championship Foundation, Sagarin, Williamson.



## 1955

**National Champions (9-1-0)**

Selector: Board.



## 1957

**National Champions (8-1-0)**

Selector: Dunkel



## 1965

**National Champions (10-1-0)**

Selectors: Consensus - UPI, NFF, FWAA, Berryman, Billingsley, DeVold, Dunkel, FB News, Helms, Litkenhous, Poling, Sagarin, Sagarin (ELO-Chess).



## 1966

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# SPARTAN TRADITIONS

## SPARTY

"The Spartan" statue, designed and produced by MSU assistant art professor Leonard D. Jungwirth, has a permanent home inside the atrium of the Spartan Stadium tower. The 9-foot-7 ceramic figure weighs approximately 6,600 pounds, including its base. In 2005, the sculpture was relocated to protect it from the elements.

"The Spartan" was dedicated on June 9, 1945, at the intersection of Red Cedar Road, Kalamazoo Street and Chestnut Road. Popularly known as "Sparty," the statue remains one of the favorite photo subjects of campus visitors.

In 2005, an exact replica of the original terracotta sculpture – now cast in bronze – took up residency on the plaza located at the north end of Demonstration Hall Field. The molds for the bronze statue were made from the original sculpture. The new statue was cast in bronze at the Artworks Foundry in Berkeley, California.

As part of MSU's sesquicentennial celebration, the bronze "Sparty" was dedicated on Oct. 8, 2005. Donors contributed approximately \$500,000 to pay for all work related to the new sculpture, including the plaza.



## THE NICKNAME - SPARTANS

In 1926, Michigan State's first southern baseball training tour provided the setting for the birth of the "Spartan" nickname.

It all came about when a Lansing sportswriter imposed the silent treatment on a contest-winning nickname and substituted his own choice, the name that has lasted through the years.

In 1925, Michigan State College replaced the name Michigan Agricultural College. The college sponsored a contest to select a nickname to replace "Aggies" and picked "The Michigan Staters."

George S. Alderton, then sports editor of the Lansing State Journal, decided the name was too cumbersome for newspaper writing and vowed to find a better one. Alderton contacted Jim Hasselman of Information Services to see

if entries still remained from the contest. When informed that they still existed, Alderton ran across the entry name of "Spartans" and then decided that was the choice. Unfortunately, Alderton forgot to write down who submitted that particular entry, so that part of the story remains a mystery.

Rewriting game accounts supplied by Perry Fremont, a catcher on the squad, Alderton first used the name sparingly and then ventured into the headlines with it. (Incidentally, after two days of spelling the name incorrectly with an "o", Mr. Alderton changed it to Spartan on a tip from a close friend.) Dale Stafford, a sports writer for the Lansing Capitol News, a rival of the State Journal, picked up the name for his paper after a couple of days. Alderton called Stafford and suggested that he might want to join the Spartan parade and he did.

As Mr. Alderton explains: "No student, alumnus or college official had called up the editor to complain about our audacity in giving the old school a new name, so we ventured into headlines with it. Happily for the experiment, the name took. It began appearing in other newspapers and when the student publication used it, that clinched it."

## SPARTY MASCOT

Michigan State University's mascot, Sparty, is the heart of the university: forever supporting its teams, bringing smiles to young and old and continually uplifting all who meet him.

Sparty is both fearless and lovable, recognized throughout the state of Michigan and across the nation. He is big and strong, garnering the honor of being voted "Buffest Mascot" by Muscle and Fitness Magazine. Sparty has also been crowned the national champion mascot three times by the Universal Cheer Association, and participates in events across the country – including the NCAA

Hall of Champions: Mascot Mania and the Capital One Mascot Challenge.

While Sparty is seen at many athletic and alumni events, many of his appearances happen at hospitals, nonprofit organizations and elementary schools. He has comforted terminal cancer patients, toasted with Spartan brides and grooms and has probably cut more ribbons than a dozen city mayors. In addition, Sparty's Literacy Tour has introduced tens of thousands of youth to the joys of reading and to the magic of the Spartan spirit.

Made of hi-tech materials, including a vinyl chest plate and fiberglass molds like the ones used for making Muppets, the seven-foot costume weighs a total of 40 pounds, allowing enough flexibility for playful gestures and animation. Sparty is a far cry from the many paper-mache heads that have popped up since the 1950's, mostly from fraternity efforts. The first official paper-mache Sparty head debuted in 1955 courtesy of Theta Xi. In 1984, Sigma Phi Epsilon introduced the first "gruff" Sparty head sporting the unshaven look that still adorns many sweatshirts and jackets. By contrast, the current Sparty costume is a state-of-the-art, full-bodied uniform that costs \$15,000.

Today, Sparty aspirants must be between 5-10 and 6-2 in height. Candidates who fit the physical needs are chosen after a hands-on process that includes tryouts and interviews.

The Sparty Mascot Program is operated by the MSU Alumni Office. All event fees and donations to the program are used for costume maintenance, program operations and leadership development.

For more information, please visit [alumni.msu.edu/sparty](http://alumni.msu.edu/sparty) or visit [www.requestsparty.com](http://www.requestsparty.com) to request for Sparty to attend your event. If you who wish to donate to the Sparty Mascot Endowment Fund, visit [go.msu.edu/support-sparty](http://go.msu.edu/support-sparty).





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Charles O. Bemies	(West Theo. Sem.)	1899-1900	(2)	11	3-7-1	.318
George E. Denman	(West Theo. Sem.)	1901-1902	(2)	17	7-9-1	.441
Chester L. Brewer	(Wisconsin)	1903-1910, 1917, 1919	(10)	88	58-23-7	.699
John F. Macklin	(Pennsylvania)	1911-1915	(5)	34	29-5-0	.853
Frank Sommers	(Pennsylvania)	1916	(1)	7	4-2-1	.643
George E. Gauthier	(Michigan State)	1918	(1)	7	4-3-0	.571
George "Potsy" Clark	(Illinois)	1920	(1)	10	4-6-0	.400
Albert M. Barron	(Penn State)	1921-1922	(2)	18	6-10-2	.389
Ralph H. Young	(Chicago-W&J)	1923-1927	(5)	41	18-22-1	.451
Harry G. Kipke	(Michigan 1925)	1928	(1)	8	3-4-1	.438
James H. Crowley	(Notre Dame 1925)	1929-1932	(4)	33	22-8-3	.712
Charles W. Bachman	(Notre Dame 1917)	1933-1946	(13)	114	70-34-10	.658
Clarence "Biggie" Munn	(Minnesota 1932)	1947-1953	(7)	65	54-9-2	.846
Hugh Duffy Daugherty	(Syracuse 1940)	1954-1972	(19)	183	109-69-5	.609
Dennis E. Stolz	(Alma 1955)	1973-1975	(3)	33	19-13-1	.591
Darryl D. Rogers	(Fresno State 1957)	1976-1979	(4)	44	24-18-2	.568
Frank "Muddy" Waters	(Michigan State 1950)	1980-1982	(3)	33	10-23-0	.303
George J. Perles	(Michigan State 1960)	1983-1994	(12)	139	68-67-4	.504
Nick Saban	(Kent 1973)	1995-1999	(5)	59	34-24-1	.585
Bobby Williams	(Purdue 1982)	2000-2002	(3)	32	16-17-0	.485
Morris Watts	(Tulsa 1961)	2002	*	3	1-2-0	.333
John L. Smith	(Weber State 1971)	2003-2006	(4)	48	22-26-0	.458
Mark Dantonio	(South Carolina 1979)	2007-2019	(13)	171	114-57-0	.667
Mel Tucker	(Wisconsin 1995)	2020-	(1)	7	2-5-0	.286
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1896-2020</b>	<b>(124)</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>710-470-44</b>	<b>.598</b>

\*Served as interim head coach for the final three games of the 2002 season.



During "Biggie" Munn's seven-year tenure from 1947-53, the Spartans won back-to-back National Championships (1951-52), rattled off a school record 28-game winning streak, and won the 1953 Big Ten co-championship in his final season as head coach.



In 19 seasons as Michigan State's head coach (1954-72), Hugh Duffy Daugherty compiled a 109-69-5 record and led the Spartans to four National Championships (1955, 1957, 1965 and 1966).



George Perles led the Spartans to the Big Ten Championship in 1987 and a 20-17 victory over Southern California in the 1988 Rose Bowl. In 1990, Michigan State won its last five league games to earn a share of another Big Ten title.



Mark Dantonio retired on Feb. 4, 2020, as the winningest coach in Michigan State history, collecting a 114-57 (.667) record in 13 seasons with a school-record three Big Ten Championships (2010, 2013, 2015) and six bowl wins (2012 Outback, 2012 Buffalo Wild Wings, 2014 Rose, 2015 Cotton, 2017 Holiday, 2019 Pinstripe).



# SPARTAN HISTORY BIG TEN CHAMPIONS



## 1953 (9-1, 5-1 BIG TEN)

It was a year of firsts for the Michigan State football program in 1953. In its first year of Big Ten competition, the Spartans claimed their first conference championship and also won its first Rose Bowl with a 28-20 victory over UCLA, in what would be Biggie Munn's final game as head coach. Michigan State won its last five games of the season and finished ranked No. 3 in both The Associated Press and United Press International Polls. It closed out a three-year span in which Michigan State went 27-1, including a school-record 28-game winning streak.

## 1965 (10-1, 7-0 BIG TEN)

Perhaps the most dominant team in school history, the 1965 Spartans claimed the program's second consensus National Championship and second Big Ten title. Michigan State featured eight All-Americans, including four players (Clinton Jones, Bubba Smith, Gene Washington, George Webster) in the College Football Hall of Fame. MSU crushed its competition in the regular season, leading the Big Ten in conference games in several categories, including rushing offense, total offense, scoring, total defense, rushing defense and scoring defense. The defense allowed just 5.6 points per game and 173.2 yards per game, school records that still stand today.

## 1966 (9-0-1, 7-0 BIG TEN)

The 1966 Spartan team picked right up where the 1965 team left off, winning the consensus National Championship and Big Ten title for the second straight year. Five players earned back-to-back first-team All-America honors (Robert Apisa, Clinton Jones, Bubba Smith, Gene Washington and George Webster) and a school-record 11 players earned first-team All-Big Ten recognition. Since Big Ten schools were not allowed to go to the Rose Bowl in consecutive years, the season ended in the famous "Game of the Century" 10-10 tie against No. 1 Notre Dame on Nov. 19 in Spartan Stadium.

## 1978 (8-3, 7-1 BIG TEN)

The 1978 Big Ten Champion Spartans set numerous offensive records, including most yards gained during league games (523.1 ypg), a mark that still ranks fifth in Big Ten history. The team's scoring average of 37.4 points per game is the second-highest total in school history; in addition, MSU ranked first in conference games in passing offense (247.9 ypg) and scoring (41.0 ppg). The Spartans began their seven-game winning streak to close the season with a 24-15 win at Michigan on Oct. 14.

## 1987 (9-2-1, 7-0-1 BIG TEN)

Michigan State won the 1987 Big Ten Championship outright with a 7-0-1 record and went on to defeat USC in the Rose Bowl, 20-17. The Spartans went unbeaten in their last nine games of the season and topped Indiana at Spartan Stadium on Nov. 14, 27-3, to clinch a spot in the Rose Bowl. Following the victory over USC, Michigan State closed the season ranked No. 8 in both The Associated Press and USA Today Coaches' Polls.

## 1990 (8-3-1, 6-2 BIG TEN)

Coach George Perles led the Spartans to the Big Ten Championship in 1990 as Michigan State won its final five Big Ten games of the season to claim a share of the conference title. Among the Spartan victories that season was a 28-27 win at No. 1 Michigan on Oct. 13. MSU defeated USC in the John Hancock Bowl, 17-16, en route to finishing No. 15 in the USA Today Coaches' Poll and No. 16 in The Associated Press Poll.

## 2010 (11-2, 7-1 BIG TEN)

In Mark Dantonio's fourth season as head coach at Michigan State, the 2010 Spartans won a then school-record 11 games and claimed the school's first Big Ten Championship in 20 years. MSU went 7-1 in Big Ten play and clinched a share of the title with its 28-22 win at Penn State in the final game

of the regular season. The Spartans earned a berth in the 2011 Capital One Bowl on New Year's Day, marking the fourth straight bowl appearance for the program. Michigan State finished the season ranked No. 14 in the final Associated Press and USA Today Coaches' Polls.

## 2013 (13-1, 8-0 BIG TEN)

The Spartans finished their 2013 Big Ten regular-season schedule with a perfect 8-0 record for the first time in school history and claimed their second Legends Division title in three seasons. Michigan State became the first Big Ten team to win all eight of their conference games by double-digit points since the league went to an eight-game schedule in 1971. In addition, MSU was the first undefeated Big Ten team to win all of its league games by double-figure points since 1943. The Spartans went on to top No. 2 Ohio State in the Big Ten Championship Game, 34-24. Michigan State won its school-record 13th game with a thrilling come-from-behind 24-20 triumph over No. 5 Stanford in the 100th Rose Bowl Game. MSU finished No. 3 in both The Associated Press and USA TODAY Coaches' Polls, the highest ranking for the program since 1966.

## 2015 (12-2, 7-1 BIG TEN)

Michigan State, which finished the 2015 season with the second-most wins in school history (12-2 record), won the Big Ten Championship for the second time in three years and reached the College Football Playoff, closed the season ranked No. 6 in the final Associated Press and USA TODAY/Amway Coaches Polls. The Spartans finished ranked among the nation's Top 10 for the third year in a row (No. 3 in both polls in 2013; No. 5 in both polls in 2014) - a program first since 1955-57. Michigan State won its second Big Ten Championship in three years and ninth in school history with a 16-13 victory over No. 4 Iowa on Dec. 5. Mark Dantonio established a school record for a head coach by winning his third Big Ten Championship (2010, 2013, 2015).







# ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

*Cole Chewins*

**1952**

John Wilson, B (1st)

**1953**

Donald Dohoney, E (1st)  
Carl Diener, E (2nd)

**1954**

Donald Kauth, E (2nd)

**1955**

Carl Nystrom, G (1st)

**1957**

Blanche Martin, B (1st)  
Robert Jewett, E (2nd)

**1958**

Richard Barker, E (2nd)  
Ellison Kelly, G (2nd)  
Blanche Martin, B (honorary)

**1960**

Edward Ryan, ROV (2nd)

**1964**

Eugene Washington, E (2nd)  
Richard Gordon, B (2nd)

**1965**

Donald Japinga, B (1st)  
Donald Bierowicz, T (1st)

**1966**

Patrick Gallinagh, T (1st)  
Allen Brenner, E (2nd)

**1968**

Allen Brenner, E/S (1st)

**1969**

Ronald Saul, G (1st)  
Richard Saul, E (1st)

**1973**

John Shinsky, T (1st)  
Richard Pawlak, T (2nd)

**1974**

Richard Baes, B (2nd)

**1975**

Thomas Standal, MG (2nd)

*Mike Sadler*



# ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS



*Drew Stanton*

**2000**

Josh Thornhill, LB (2nd)

**2001**

Josh Thornhill, LB (2nd)

**2005**

Chris Morris, C (2nd)

Drew Stanton, QB (2nd)

**2009**

Blair White, WR (1st)

**2011**

Mike Sadler, P (2nd)

**2012**

Max Bullough, LB (2nd)

Mike Sadler, P (2nd)

**2013**

Max Bullough, LB (1st)

Mike Sadler, P (1st)

**2014**

Mike Sadler, P (1st)

**2017**

Cole Chewins, OT (1st)

**2018**

Cole Chewins, OT (2nd)

**1976**

David Duda, DB (2nd)

**1977**

James Sciarini, G (2nd)

Craig Fedore, LB (2nd)

**1979**

Alan Davis, DB (1st)

**1985**

Dean Altobelli, DB (1st)

Shane Bullough, LB (2nd)

**1986**

Dean Altobelli, SS (1st)

Shane Bullough, LB (1st)

**1989**

Chris Willertz, DE (2nd)

**1992**

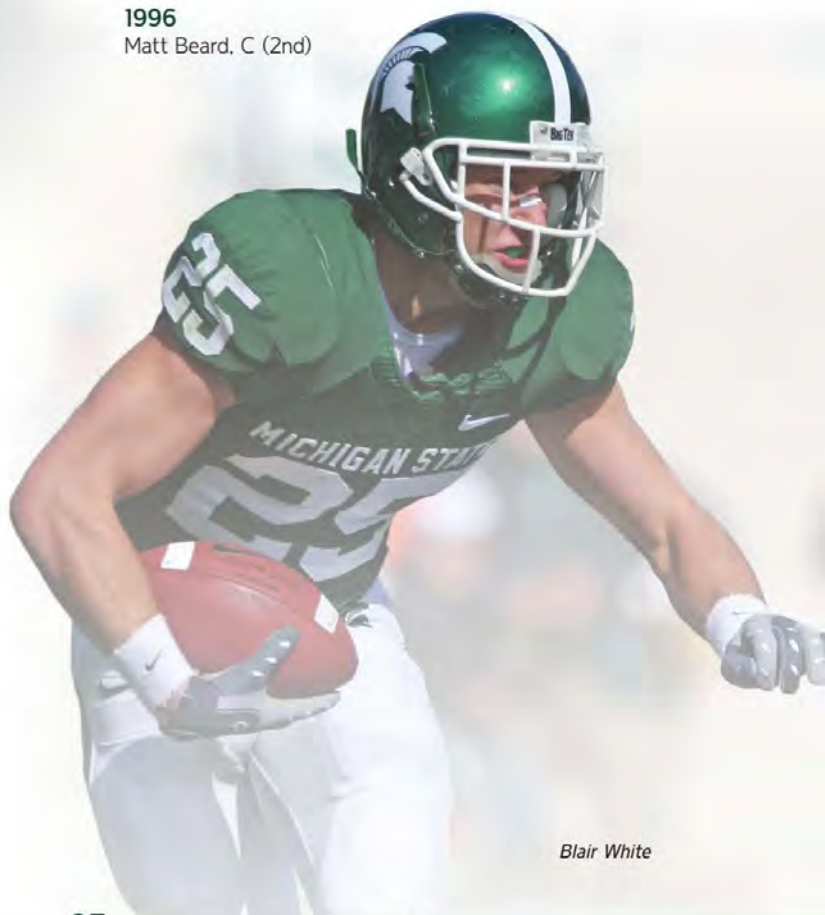
Steve Wasyk, SS (1st)

**1993**

Steve Wasyk, SS (1st)

**1996**

Matt Beard, C (2nd)



*Blair White*





# SPARTANS IN THE NFL

as of Sept. 20, 2021

## Brian Allen

OL, Los Angeles Rams



## Joe Bachie

LB, Cincinnati Bengals, Practice Squad  
\*signed with Bengals in offseason



## Shakur Brown

CB, Kansas City Chiefs, Practice Squad  
\*signed with Chiefs in preseason



## Jack Conklin

OT, Cleveland Browns



## Darqueze Dennard

CB, Arizona Cardinals, Injured Reserve  
\*signed with Cardinals in offseason

## Andrew Dowell

LB, New Orleans Saints



## Brian Hoyer

QB, New England Patriots





# SPARTANS IN THE NFL

as of Sept. 20, 2021



## Kirk Cousins

QB, Minnesota Vikings

## Naquan Jones

DT, Tennessee Titans, Practice Squad



## Justin Layne

CB, Pittsburgh Steelers

## Brian Lewerke

QB, New York Giants, Practice Squad



## Malik McDowell

DT, Cleveland Browns

## Taybor Pepper

LS, San Francisco 49ers



## Josiah Scott

CB, Philadelphia Eagles

\*traded from Jaguars in offseason





# SPARTANS IN THE NFL

as of Sept. 20, 2021

## William Gholston

DE, Tampa Bay Buccaneers



## Trae Waynes

CB, Cincinnati Bengals

## Cody White

WR, Pittsburgh Steelers, Practice Squad



## Kenny Willekes

DE, Minnesota Vikings, Practice Squad

## Raequan Williams

DT, Philadelphia Eagles, Practice Squad



## Khari Willis

S, Indianapolis Colts







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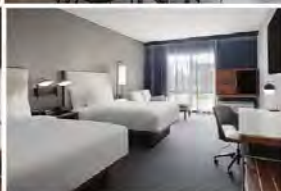


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# SPARTANS IN THE NFL DRAFT



## Spartans Drafted Since 2008

Player	Year	Round	Team
Devin Thomas, WR	2008	2nd (#34)	New York Giants
Kellen Davis, TE	2008	5th (#158)	Chicago Bears
Ervin Baldwin, DE	2008	7th (#208)	Chicago Bears
Javon Ringer, RB	2009	5th (#173)	Tennessee Titans
Jeremy Ware, CB	2010	7th (#215)	Oakland Raiders
Greg Jones, LB	2011	6th (#185)	New York Giants
Chris L. Rucker, CB	2011	6th (#188)	Indianapolis Colts
Jerel Worthly, DT	2012	2nd (#51)	Green Bay Packers
Kirk Cousins, QB	2012	4th (#102)	Washington Redskins
Keshawn Martin, WR	2012	4th (#121)	Houston Texans
Trenton Robinson, S	2012	6th (#180)	San Francisco 49ers
B.J. Cunningham, WR	2012	6th (#183)	Philadelphia Eagles
Edwin Baker, RB	2012	7th (#250)	New Orleans Saints
Le'Veon Bell, RB	2013	2nd (#48)	Pittsburgh Steelers
Dion Sims, TE	2013	4th (#106)	Miami Dolphins
William Gholston, DE	2013	4th (#126)	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Darqueze Dennard, CB	2014	1st (#24)	Cincinnati Bengals
Trae Waynes, CB	2015	1st (#11)	Minnesota Vikings
Jeremy Langford, RB	2015	4th (#106)	Chicago Bears
Tony Lippett, CB/WR	2015	4th (#156)	Miami Dolphins
Keith Humphery, WR	2015	5th (#175)	Houston Texans
Jack Conklin, OT	2016	1st (#8)	Tennessee Titans
Shilique Calhoun, DE	2016	3rd (#75)	Oakland Raiders
Connor Cook, QB	2016	4th (#100)	Oakland Raiders
Aaron Burbridge, WR	2016	6th (#213)	San Francisco 49ers
Donavon Clark, OG	2016	7th (#224)	San Diego Chargers
Malik McDowell, DL	2017	2nd (#35)	Seattle Seahawks
Montae Nicholson, S	2017	4th (#123)	Washington Redskins
Brian Allen, OL	2018	4th (#111)	Los Angeles Rams
Justin Layne, CB	2019	3rd (#83)	Pittsburgh Steelers
Khari Willis, S	2019	4th (#109)	Indianapolis Colts
Josiah Scott, CB	2020	4th (#137)	Jacksonville Jaguars
Kenny Willekes, DE	2020	7th (#225)	Minnesota Vikings



Offensive tackle Jack Conklin became the highest Spartan drafted under Mark Dantonio in 2016 as he was selected in the first round by the Tennessee Titans at No. 8 overall. The Spartans had three first-round picks under Dantonio (Darqueze Dennard at No. 24 in 2014; Trae Waynes at No. 11 in 2015).



Trae Waynes was selected in the first round (No. 11 overall) of the 2014 NFL Draft by the Minnesota Vikings.



Darqueze Dennard, a first-team All-American who won the 2013 Jim Thorpe Award, was a first-round selection (No. 24 overall) in the 2014 NFL Draft by the Cincinnati Bengals.



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## PASSING RECORDS

## PASSING • CAREER

## PASS ATTEMPTS

1. Brian Lewerke	2016-19	1,249
2. Connor Cook	2012-15	1,170
3. Jeff Smoker	2000-03	1,150
4. Kirk Cousins	2008-11	1,128
5. Brian Hoyer	2005-08	896

## PASS COMPLETIONS

1. Kirk Cousins	2008-11	723
2. Brian Lewerke	2016-19	721
3. Jeff Smoker	2000-03	685
4. Connor Cook	2012-15	673
5. Drew Stanton	2003-06	543

## INTERCEPTIONS THROWN

1. Jeff Smoker	2000-03	39
2. John Leister	1979-82	35
3. Todd Schultz	1994-97	33
4. Dave Yarema	1982-86	33
5. Brian Lewerke	2016-19	32
Ed Smith	1976-78	32

## PASS COMPLETION PERCENTAGE (MIN. 100 ATTS.)

1. Drew Stanton (543-846-28)	2003-06	.642
2. Kirk Cousins (723-1128-30)	2008-11	.641
3. Jim Miller (467-746-29)	1990-93	.626
4. Dan Enos (297-478-25)	1987-90	.621
5. Todd Schultz (360-593-33)	1994-97	.607

## PASSING YARDS

1. Connor Cook	2012-15	9,194
2. Kirk Cousins	2008-11	9,131
3. Jeff Smoker	2000-03	8,932
4. Brian Lewerke	2016-19	8,293
5. Drew Stanton	2003-06	6,524

## PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Connor Cook	2012-15	71
2. Kirk Cousins	2008-11	66
3. Jeff Smoker	2000-03	61
4. Brian Lewerke	2016-19	47
5. Bill Burke	1996-99	46

## PASSING EFFICIENCY (MIN. 100 ATTS.)

1. Kirk Cousins	2008-11	146.1
2. Gene Glick	1946-49	143.5
3. Earl Morrill	1953-55	140.5
4. Connor Cook	2012-15	139.8
5. Jim Ninowski	1955-57	139.7

## PASSING • SEASON

## PASS ATTEMPTS

1. Jeff Smoker	2003	488
2. Andrew Maxwell	2012	446
3. Brian Lewerke	2019	436
4. Kirk Cousins	2011	419
5. Connor Cook	2015	408

## PASS COMPLETIONS

1. Jeff Smoker	2003	302
2. Kirk Cousins	2011	267
3. Brian Lewerke	2019	260
4. Drew Stanton	2005	236
5. Andrew Maxwell	2012	234

## INTERCEPTIONS THROWN

1. Bill Burke	1999	18
2. Todd Schultz	1997	17
3. Tony Banks	1995	15
4. Dave Yarema	1984	15
5. Jeff Smoker	2003	14
John Leister	1980	14
Ed Smith	1977	14

## PASS COMPLETION PERCENTAGE (MIN. 100 ATTS.)

1. Dave Yarema (200-297-11)	1986	.673
2. Kirk Cousins (226-338-10)	2010	.669
3. Drew Stanton (236-354-12)	2005	.667
4. Drew Stanton (141-220-6)	2004	.641
5. Jim Miller (215-336-11)	1993	.640

## PASSING YARDS

1. Jeff Smoker	2003	3,395
2. Kirk Cousins	2011	3,316
3. Connor Cook	2014	3,214
4. Connor Cook	2015	3,131
5. Drew Stanton	2019	3,079

## PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Kirk Cousins	2011	25
2. Connor Cook	2015	24
Connor Cook	2014	24
4. Connor Cook	2013	22
Drew Stanton	2005	22

## PASSING YARDS PER GAME (MIN. 5 GAMES.)

1. Drew Stanton	2005	279.7 (11)
2. Jeff Smoker	2003	261.2 (13)
3. Connor Cook	2014	247.2 (13)
4. Connor Cook	2015	240.8 (13)
5. Kirk Cousins	2011	236.9 (14)

## PASSING • GAME

## PASS ATTEMPTS

1. Brian Hoyer (30 comp.)	Penn State	2006	61
2. Brian Lewerke (39)	Northwestern	2017	57
3. Brian Lewerke (31)	Penn State	2017	56
4. Jeff Smoker (35)	Ohio State	2003	55
5. Drew Stanton (29)	Iowa	2004	54
John Leister (18)	Purdue	1980	54

## PASS COMPLETIONS

1. Brian Lewerke (57 att.)	Northwestern	2017	39
2. Jeff Smoker (55)	Ohio State	2003	35
3. Kirk Cousins (53)	Notre Dame	2011	34
4. Brian Lewerke (56)	Penn State	2017	33
5. Jeff Smoker (40)	Indiana	2003	32
John Leister (46)	Michigan	1982	32

## PASSING YARDS

1. Brian Lewerke (39-57)	Northwestern	2017	445
2. Brian Lewerke (33-56)	Penn State	2017	400
Bill Burke (21-36)	Michigan	1999	400
4. Connor Cook (30-52)	Indiana	2015	398
5. Jeff Smoker (22-32)	Fresno State	2001	376

## PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Drew Stanton	Illinois	2005	5
2. Brian Lewerke	Northwestern	2017	4
Connor Cook	Nebraska	2015	4
Connor Cook	Indiana	2015	4
Connor Cook	Air Force	2015	4
Connor Cook	Youngstown State	2013	4
Brian Hoyer	Penn State	2007	4
Brian Hoyer	Notre Dame	2007	4
Jeff Smoker	Penn State	2003	4
Damon Dowdell	Indiana	2002	4
Bill Burke	Iowa	1999	4
Bill Burke	C. Michigan	1998	4
Ed Smith	Wisconsin	1978	4
Mike Rasmussen	Indiana	1970	4
Gene Glick	Iowa State	1948	4

Connor Cook

## RUSHING RECORDS

## RUSHING • CAREER

## RUSHING ATTEMPTS

1. Lorenzo White	1984-87	1,082
2. Javon Ringer	2005-08	843
3. Tico Duckett	1989-92	836
4. Blake Ezor	1986-89	800
5. Sedrick Irvin	1996-98	755

## RUSHING YARDS

1. Lorenzo White	1984-87	4,887
2. Javon Ringer	2005-08	4,398
3. Tico Duckett	1989-92	4,212
4. Blake Ezor	1986-89	3,749
5. Sedrick Irvin	1996-98	3,504

## RUSHING AVERAGE (MIN. 150 ATTS.)

1. George Guerre	1946-48	6.75
2. Lynn Chandnois	1946-49	6.55
3. Sherman Lewis	1961-63	6.21
4. Sonny Grandelius	1948-50	6.09
5. Derek Hughes	1978-81	6.04

## RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Lorenzo White	1984-87	43
2. Jeremy Langford	2011-14	40
3. Jehu Caulcrick	2004-07	39
4. Sedrick Irvin	1996-98	35
5. Javon Ringer	2005-08	34
Blake Ezor	1986-89	34

## RUSHING • SEASON

## RUSHING ATTEMPTS

1. Lorenzo White	1985	419
2. Javon Ringer	2008	390
3. Le'Veon Bell	2012	382
4. Lorenzo White	1987	357
5. Blake Ezor	1988	322

## RUSHING YARDS

1. Lorenzo White	1985	2,066
2. Le'Veon Bell	2012	1,793
3. Javon Ringer	2008	1,637
4. Lorenzo White	1987	1,572
5. Jeremy Langford	2014	1,522

## RUSHING AVERAGE (MIN. 150 ATTS.)

1. DeAndre Cobb	2004	7.58
2. Lynn Chandnois	1948	7.48
3. Drew Stanton	2004	7.16
4. George Guerre	1946	7.03
5. Lynn Chandnois	1949	6.86

## RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Jeremy Langford	2014	22
Javon Ringer	2008	22
3. Jehu Caulcrick	2007	21
4. Blake Ezor	1989	19
5. Jeremy Langford	2013	18
Eric Allen	1971	18

## RUSHING • GAME

## RUSHING ATTEMPTS

1. Lorenzo White (292 yds.)	Indiana	1987	56
2. Lorenzo White (244)	Purdue	1985	53
3. Lorenzo White (172)	Minnesota	1985	49
4. Le'Veon Bell (210)	Boise State	2012	44
Javon Ringer (198)	Indiana	2008	44
Blake Ezor (250)	Indiana	1988	44

## RUSHING YARDS

1. Eric Allen (29 att.)	Purdue	1971	350
2. Lorenzo White (56)	Indiana	1987	292
3. Lorenzo White (25)	Indiana	1985	286
4. Javon Ringer (43)	Fla. Atlantic	2008	282
Clinton Jones (21)	Iowa	1966	268

## RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Blake Ezor	Northwestern	1989	6
2. Javon Ringer	Eastern Michigan	2008	5
3. Edwin Baker	Minnesota	2010	4
Ashton Leggett	Western Michigan	2009	4
Jehu Caulcrick	UAB	2007	4
T.J. Duckett	Penn State	1999	4
Sedrick Irvin	Indiana	1996	4
Scott Greene	Illinois	1995	4
Craig Thomas	Central Michigan	1993	4
Craig Thomas	Indiana	1992	4
Tico Duckett	Purdue	1990	4
Blake Ezor	Indiana	1989	4
Steve Smith	Northwestern	1980	4
Derek Hughes	Minnesota	1979	4
Eric Allen	Purdue	1971	4
Eric Allen	Minnesota	1971	4
Clinton Jones	Iowa	1965	4

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## RECEIVING RECORDS



B.J. Cunningham

## RECEIVING • CAREER

## RECEPTIONS

1. B.J. Cunningham	2008-11	218
2. Aaron Burbridge	2012-15	165
3. Darrell Stewart Jr.	2015-19	150
4. Tony Lippett	2011-14	149
5. Matt Trannon	2003-06	148

## RECEIVING YARDS

1. B.J. Cunningham	2008-11	3,086
2. Andre Rison	1985-88	2,992
3. Charles Rogers	2001-02	2,821
4. Kirk Gibson	1975-78	2,347
5. Tony Lippett	2011-14	2,247

## AVERAGE YARDS PER CATCH (MIN. 30 RECEPTIONS)

1. Kirk Gibson	1975-78	21.0
2. Charles Rogers	2001-02	20.9
3. Andre Rison	1985-88	20.5
Mark Ingram	1983-86	20.5
5. Daryl Turner	1980-83	20.2

## TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS

1. Charles Rogers	2001-02	27
2. B.J. Cunningham	2008-11	25
3. Kirk Gibson	1975-78	24
4. Josiah Price	2013-16	21
5. Plaxico Burress	1998-99	20
Andre Rison	1985-88	20

## RECEIVING • SEASON

## RECEPTIONS

1. Aaron Burbridge	2015	85
2. B.J. Cunningham	2011	79
Devin Thomas	2007	79
4. Blair White	2009	70
5. Charles Rogers	2002	68

## RECEIVING YARDS

1. Charles Rogers	2001	1,470
2. Charles Rogers	2002	1,351
3. B.J. Cunningham	2011	1,306
4. Devin Thomas	2007	1,260
5. Aaron Burbridge	2015	1,258

## AVERAGE YARDS PER CATCH (MIN. 20 RECEPTIONS)

1. Gene Washington	1966	25.1
2. Andre Rison	1988	24.6
3. Frank Foreman	1969	24.4
4. Kirk Gibson	1977	24.1
5. Octavious Long	1996	23.4

## TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS

1. Charles Rogers	2001	14
2. Charles Rogers	2002	13
3. B.J. Cunningham	2011	12
Plaxico Burress	1999	12
5. Tony Lippett	2014	11

## RECEIVING • GAME

## RECEPTIONS

1. Matt Trannon	Eastern Michigan	2006	14
2. Devin Thomas	Indiana	2007	13
Plaxico Burress	Florida	2000	13
4. Blair White	Northwestern	2009	12
Mitch Lyons	Michigan	1992	12
Felton Davis	Penn State	2017	12

## RECEIVING YARDS

1. Charles Rogers	Fresno State	2001	270
2. Plaxico Burress	Michigan	1999	255
3. Andre Rison	Georgia	1989	252
4. Charles Rogers	Wisconsin	2001	206
5. Mark Dell	California	2008	202

## TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS

1. Cody White	Rutgers	2019	3
Aaron Burbridge	Air Force	2015	3
B.J. Cunningham	Wisconsin (2)	2011	3
Devin Thomas	Penn State	2007	3
Plaxico Burress	Florida	2000	3
Plaxico Burress	Northwestern	1999	3
Plaxico Burress	Iowa	1999	3
Andre Rison	Georgia	1989	3
Mark Ingram	Iowa	1986	3
Gene Washington	Indiana	1965	3

## SCORING/TOTAL OFFENSE RECORDS

## SCORING/TOTAL OFFENSE • CAREER

## TOTAL POINTS SCORED

1. Brett Swenson	2006-09	377
2. Michael Geiger	2013-16	357
3. Dave Rayner	2001-04	334
4. John Langeloh	1987-90	308
5. Matt Coghlin	2017-20	305

## ALL-PURPOSE YARDS (INCLUDES RUSHING, RECEIVING AND ALL RETURNS)

1. Javon Ringer	2005-08	5,426
2. Lorenzo White	1984-87	5,152
3. Derrick Mason	1993-96	5,114
4. Sedrick Irvin	1996-98	4,833
5. Tico Duckett	1989-92	4,511

## TOUCHDOWNS SCORED

1. Lorenzo White	1984-87	43
2. Jeremy Langford	2011-14	42
Sedrick Irvin	1996-98	42
4. Jehu Caulcrick	2004-07	40
5. Javon Ringer	2005-08	35

## TOTAL OFFENSE ATTEMPTS (INCLUDES RUSHING &amp; PASSING ATTEMPTS)

1. Brian Lewerke	2016-19	1,595
2. Jeff Smoker	2000-03	1,405
3. Connor Cook	2012-15	1,346
4. Kirk Cousins	2008-11	1,239
5. Drew Stanton	2003-06	1,178

## TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS

1. Brian Lewerke	2016-19	9,548
2. Connor Cook	2012-15	9,403
3. Kirk Cousins	2008-11	9,004
4. Jeff Smoker	2000-03	8,741
5. Drew Stanton	2003-06	8,036

## TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS PER ATTEMPT (MIN. 200 ATTEMPTS)

1. Gene Glick	1946-49	7.90
2. Earl Morrall	1953-55	7.41
3. Kirk Cousins	2008-11	7.27
4. Connor Cook	2012-15	6.99
5. Drew Stanton	2003-06	6.82

## SCORING/TOTAL OFFENSE • SEASON

## TOTAL POINTS SCORED

1. Jeremy Langford	2014	132
Javon Ringer	2008	132
3. Jehu Caulcrick	2007	126
4. Jeremy Langford	2013	114
Blake Ezor	1989	114

## ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

1. Devin Thomas	2007	2,590
2. Lorenzo White	1985	2,094
3. Javon Ringer	2008	2,051
4. Le'Veon Bell	2012	2,024
5. Derrick Mason	1995	1,994

## TOUCHDOWNS SCORED

1. Jeremy Langford	2014	22
Javon Ringer	2008	22
3. Jehu Caulcrick	2007	21
4. Jeremy Langford	2013	19
Blake Ezor	1989	19

## TOTAL OFFENSE ATTEMPTS

1. Jeff Smoker	2003	551
2. Brian Lewerke	2019	547
3. Andrew Maxwell	2012	483
4. Drew Stanton	2005	475
5. Connor Cook	2015	460

## TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS

1. Brian Lewerke	2019	3,442
2. Drew Stanton	2005	3,415
3. Connor Cook	2014	3,294
4. Jeff Smoker	2003	3,279
5. Kirk Cousins	2011	3,277

## TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS PER ATTEMPT (MIN. 200 ATTEMPTS)

1. Connor Cook	2015	7.92
2. Keith Nichol	2009	7.89
3. Kirk Cousins	2009	7.63
4. Jeff Smoker	2001	7.35
5. Drew Stanton	2004	7.24

## SCORING/TOTAL OFFENSE • GAME

## TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS

1. Blake Ezor	Northwestern	1989	6
2. Javon Ringer	Eastern Michigan	2008	5
3. 19 times			

Last: Jeremy Langford vs. Indiana 2013 4  
(The above are modern-day records. George E. "Carp" Julian, scored seven TDs in a 75-6 win over Akron in 1914.)

## POINTS SCORED

1. Blake Ezor	Northwestern	1989	36
2. Javon Ringer	Eastern Michigan	2008	30
3. Scott Greene	Illinois	1995	26
4. 17 times			

Last: Jeremy Langford vs. Indiana 2013 24

## TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS

1. Brian Lewerke	Northwestern	2017	475
2. Brian Lewerke	Penn State	2017	425
3. Connor Cook	Indiana	2015	416
4. Drew Stanton	Minnesota	2004	410
5. Drew Stanton	Hawaii	2004	406

## ALL PURPOSE YARDS

1. Eric Allen	Purdue	1971	397
2. Javon Ringer	Florida Atlantic	2008	308
3. Sedrick Irvin	Indiana	1997	306
4. Lorenzo White	Indiana	1987	303
5. Clinton Jones	Iowa	1966	299



Jeremy Langford



# SPARTAN HISTORY DEFENSE RECORDS



## DEFENSE • CAREER

### TACKLES

1. Dan Bass	1976-79	541
2. Percy Snow	1986-89	473
3. Greg Jones	2007-10	465
4. Ike Reese	1994-97	420
5. Josh Thornhill	1998-2001	395

### TACKLES FOR LOSSES

1. Kenny Willekes (202 yds)	2015-19	51
2. Julian Peterson (215)	1998-99	48
3. Greg Jones (160)	2007-10	46.5
4. Denicos Allen (198)	2010-13	46
5. Travis Davis (268)	2012-15	44

### QUARTERBACK SACKS

1. Larry Betha (208 yds)	1975-77	33
2. Shilique Calhoun (211)	2012-15	27
3. Kenny Willekes	2015-19	26
4. Julian Peterson (161)	1998-99	25
5. Travis Davis (217)	1986-89	24
Kelly Quinn (183)	1982-85	24

### INTERCEPTIONS

1. Lynn Chandnois	1946-49	20
2. Todd Krumm	1984-87	18
3. Phil Parker	1982-85	16
4. Kurt Larson	1985-88	14
John Miller	1985-88	14
Brad Van Pelt	1970-72	14

### INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDS

1. Lynn Chandnois	1946-49	410
2. Brad Van Pelt	1970-72	268
3. Phil Parker	1982-85	267
4. Johnny Adams	2008-	219
5. Jesse Thomas	1948-50	212

### FUMBLE RECOVERIES

1. Dan Bass	1976-79	12
2. Larry Savage	1976-79	8
3. Carlos Jenkins	1987-90	7
Smiley Creswell	1980-82	7
John McCormick	1977-80	7
Mel Land	1975-78	7
George Chatlos	1966-67	7

### PASS BREAK-UPS

1. Amp Campbell	1996-99	56
2. Cedric Henry	1998-2000, 2002	42
3. Broderick Nelson	1998, 2000-02	37
4. Renaldo Hill	1998-2000	36
5. Otis Wiley	2005-08	31

## DEFENSE • SEASON

### TACKLES

1. Chuck Bullough	1991	175
2. Percy Snow	1989	172
3. Chuck Bullough	1990	164
Percy Snow	1988	164
5. Dan Bass	1979	160

### TACKLES FOR LOSSES

1. Julian Peterson (140 yds)	1999	30
2. Kenny Willekes (84)	2018	20.5
3. Denicos Allen (86)	2011	18.5
Ervin Baldwin (89)	2007	18.5
5. Julian Peterson (75)	1998	18
Larry Betha (93)	1977	18

### QUARTERBACK SACKS

1. Larry Betha (90 yds)	1977	16
2. Julian Peterson (104)	1999	15
3. Robaire Smith (58)	1997	12
Travis Davis (105)	1987	12
Kelly Quinn (84)	1984	12

### INTERCEPTIONS

1. Todd Krumm	1987	9
2. Kurt Larson	1988	8
John Miller	1987	8
Jesse Thomas	1950	8
5. Demetrice Martin	1994	7
Phil Parker	1983	7
Lynn Chandnois	1949	7

### INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDS

1. Phil Parker (7 Int.)	1983	203
2. Lynn Chandnois (7)	1949	183
3. Johnny Adams (3)	2011	141
4. Todd Krumm (9)	1987	129
Brad Van Pelt (4)	1971	129

### FUMBLE RECOVERIES

1. George Chatlos	1966	7
2. Matt Vanderbeek	1989	5
Tom Standal	1975	5
Tom Kronner	1973	5
5. Shilique Calhoun	2013	4
Five other players		4

### PASS BREAK-UPS

1. Amp Campbell	1999	26
2. Cedric Henry	2000	24
3. Broderick Nelson	2001	20
4. Broderick Nelson	2002	17
5. Roderick Maples	2004	16
Lemar Marshall	1998	16
Ray Hill	1997	16

## DEFENSE • GAME

### TACKLES

1. Dan Bass	Ohio State	1979	32
2. Don Law	Ohio State	1969	28
3. Dan Bass	Notre Dame	1979	24
4. Percy Snow	Illinois	1989	23
5. Ty Hallock	Minnesota	1992	21
Shane Bullough	Indiana	1985	21
Brad Van Pelt	Notre Dame	1971	21
Doug Barr	Ohio State	1969	21
Don Law	Indiana	1967	21

### TACKLES FOR LOSSES

1. Julian Peterson (42 yards)	Ohio State	1998	7
2. Julian Peterson (7)	Oregon	1999	6
3. William Gholston (16)	Georgia	2012	5
Josh Shaw (14)	Wisconsin	2000	5
Julian Peterson (32)	Florida	2000	5
Travis Davis (37)	Ohio State	1987	5
Rich Saul (14)	Iowa	1968	5

### QUARTERBACK SACKS

1. Travis Davis (37 yards)	Ohio State	1987	5
2. Matthias Askew (28)	Western Michigan	2003	4
Julian Peterson (30)	Ohio State	1998	4
Kelly Quinn (26)	Northwestern	1984	4
Rich Saul (13)	Iowa	1969	4

### INTERCEPTIONS

1. John Miller	Michigan	1987	4
2. Mark Anderson	Notre Dame	1977	3
Five other players			3

### FUMBLE RECOVERIES

1. Matt Vanderbeek	Hawaii	1989	3
Phil Hoag	Illinois	1966	3
Ernie Clark	Illinois	1961	3
4. Several players			2

### PASS BREAK-UPS

1. Jeremy Ware	Northwestern	2008	5
Broderick Nelson	Indiana	2002	5
Broderick Nelson	Wisconsin	2001	5
Cedric Henry	Marshall	2000	5
Amp Campbell	Northwestern	1999	5
Renaldo Hill	Minnesota	1998	5

Kenny Willekes

Greg Jones





## CHEER TEAM

James Cuozzo  
Mckenna Dooley  
Brandon English  
Sedona Falco  
Sam Farley  
Logan Gillespie  
Larney Greene  
Jericho Herblet

Gabriel Herdegen  
Micah Howard  
Keith Johnson  
Grace Karana  
Brennan Kaseman  
Kendall Lusk  
Curran Madison  
Alianna Madrigal

Lauren Malkowski  
Amanda Marrah  
Emma Mollitor  
Kyle Napier  
Kirsten Paik  
Christopher Robb  
Taylor Schumacher  
Keegan Seifert

Connor Seifert  
Brianna Smith  
Aiyanah Stewart  
Callum Sullivan  
Olivia Thiel  
Cailey Tuttle  
Oscar Vargas  
Christopher Whitford

## DANCE TEAM

Kaitlyn Arnold  
Alison Bloomquist  
Elaina Causley  
Maria Chodnicki  
Riana Cureton  
Nina Dal Pra  
Ava Dal Pra

Katelyn Gerard  
Julia Gessert  
Ava Gianetti  
Emily Goy  
Fallon Hare  
Molly Johnson  
Catherine Krier

Nicole Lipon  
Ava Mackovski  
Emerson Manzo  
Mackenzie Michalak  
Alexis Sakelaris  
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# SPARTAN ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

The MSU Athletics Hall of Fame, located in the Clara Bell Smith Student-Athlete Academic Center, opened on Oct. 1, 1999, and displays plaques of the 154 previous inductees. The charter class of 30 former Spartan student-athletes, coaches and administrators was inducted in 1992.



## FRANKLIN GOMEZ

WRESTLING  
(2005-10)

San Juan, Puerto Rico • Inducted 2021

- 2009 NCAA National Champion (133 pounds)
- Three-time All-American (2008-10)
- Three-time NWCA Scholar All-American (2008-10)
- Two-time Big Ten Champion (2008, 2009)



## ANTHONY HAMM

CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK & FIELD  
(1987-92)

Flint, Mich. • Inducted 2021

- Six-time All-American, including two in outdoor track and four in cross country
- Two-time Big Ten 10,000 Meter Champion
- 1987 Big Ten Cross Country Freshman of the Year
- First track & field athlete to earn MSU's George Alderton Athlete of the Year award (1992)



## CAROL HUTCHINS

SOFTBALL/WOMEN'S BASKETBALL  
(1976-79)

Lansing, Mich. • Inducted 2021

- Starting shortstop for 1976 AIAW National Championship softball team
- 1976 team RBI co-leader
- 1978-79 basketball team co-captain
- 2006 NFCA Hall of Fame inductee and two-time National Coach of the Year



## LYNN JANSON

MEN'S GOLF  
(1968-70)

East Lansing, Mich. • Inducted 2021

- Three-time All-American (1968-70)
- Two-time All-Big Ten (1969-70)
- Helped lead MSU to its first Big Ten team title in 1969 and placed third as an individual
- Played in 14 major golf championships, including seven U.S. Opens



## ELIZABETH (SHIMEK) MOEGGENBERG

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL  
(2002-06)

Empire, Mich. • Inducted 2021

- Two-time WBCA and Associated Press All-American (2005-06)
- Two-time CoSIDA Academic All-American (2005-06)
- Four-time All-Big Ten honoree
- Led MSU to its first NCAA National Championship game in 2005



## FLOOR RIJPMAN

FIELD HOCKEY  
(2006-09)

Bunnik, The Netherlands • Inducted 2021

- Two-time First Team All-American (2008-09)
- Two-time All-Big Ten First Team selection (2008-09)
- Helped lead MSU to three-straight NCAA Tournaments, including NCAA Regional Finals in 2008 and 2009
- Finished career ranked third in MSU scoring and goals



## CHARLES ROGERS

FOOTBALL  
(2001-02)

Saginaw, Mich. • Inducted 2021

- 2002 Biletnikoff Award Winner
- Consensus First Team All-American (2002)
- 2003 MSU Alderton Male Athlete of the Year
- No. 2 overall pick in 2003 NFL Draft



## RON SCOTT

ICE HOCKEY  
(1980-83)

Guelph, Ontario • Inducted 2021

- Two-time First Team All-American (1982-83)
- Two-time Hobey Baker Award finalist (1982-83)
- Two-time First Team All-CCHA (1982-83)
- Hockey News College Player of the Year (1982)



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## FLOZELL ADAMS

Football 1994-97  
Hometown – Bellwood, IL  
Hall of Fame Class – 2014  
• 1997 Walter Camp First-Team All-American  
• 1997 Big Ten Offensive Lineman of the Year  
• Spent 13 years in the NFL



## FRED ALDERMAN

Track & Field 1925-27  
Hometown – East Lansing, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 1992  
• First Spartan to win Olympic gold 1927  
• NCAA Champion in 100 and 220  
• 1927 IC4A individual champion in 440



## GEORGE ALDERTON

Sports Editor 1923-62  
Hometown – Saginaw, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 1993  
• Covered Spartans for 39 years  
• Nicknamed "The Spartans" in 1926  
• First Michigan Sportswriter/Sportscaster Hall of Fame inductee



## ERIC ALLEN

Football/Track & Field 1969-71  
Hometown – Georgetown, SC  
Hall of Fame Class – 2016  
• 1971 All-American and Chicago Tribune Silver Football winner, breaking two NCAA records, four Big Ten records and nine MSU records  
• Set NCAA single-game records with 350 yards rushing and 397 all-purpose yards vs. Purdue in 1971  
• Two-time football team MVP (1970 & 1971)



## DALE ANDERSON

Wrestling 1965-68  
Hometown – Waterloo, IA  
Hall of Fame Class – 2018  
• Two-time NCAA Champion at 137 pounds (1967, 1968), helping MSU to the 1967 National Championship  
• Three-time All-American (1966-68) and Big Ten Champion (1966-68)

• 1968 Big Ten Medal of Honor recipient  
• Went undefeated in 1967 (25-0) and finished his career with a .932 winning percentage (61-4-1)



## MORTEN ANDERSEN

Football 1978-81  
Hometown – Struer, Denmark  
Hall of Fame Class – 2011  
• Named to Walter Camp Foundation All-Century Team (1900-2000)  
• Among MSU's all-time leaders with 45 career field goals

• First-Team All-American & All-Big Ten selection in 1981



## BOB APISA

Football • 1965-67  
Hometown – Honolulu, HI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2017  
• Two-time first-team All-American (1965, 1966)  
• Starting fullback on back-to-back Big Ten and National Champion teams in 1965 and 1966  
• 1966 consensus first-team All-Big Ten selection



## CHET AUBUCHON

Basketball 1939-40, 42  
Hometown – Gary, IN  
Hall of Fame Class – 1996  
• Called the "Houdini of the Hardwood"  
• Spartans' first basketball All-American



## ED BAGDON

Football 1946-49  
Hometown – Dearborn, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 1996  
• 1949 All-American  
• 1949 Outland Trophy winner  
• Half of top guard tandem with Don Mason



## CARL BANKS

Football 1980-83  
Hometown – Flint, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2012  
• Three-time First-Team All-Big Ten (1981-83)  
• 1983 First-Team All-American  
• 1983 Columbus Touchdown Club College LB of the Year



## DAN BASS

Football (1976-79)  
Hall of Fame Class – 2019  
Bath, MI  
• 1979 AP All-American and team MVP  
• Holds MSU records for career (541) and single-game (32) tackles  
• First Spartan to lead team in tackles all four seasons

• Two-time All-Big Ten



## EMILY BASTEL

Women's Golf 1998-2002  
Hometown – Upper Sandusky, OH  
Hall of Fame Class – 2012  
• First Spartan to be named Big Ten Golfer of the Year (2002)  
• 2002 Second-Team All-American  
• Won Big Ten individual title in 2000



## JOE BAUM

Men's Soccer Coach 1977-2008  
Women's Soccer Coach 1986-90  
Men's Soccer 1966-68  
Hometown – St. Louis, MO  
Hall of Fame Class – 2017  
• Coached the men's soccer team for 32 seasons and the women's team for its first five years, winning a combined 389 games, including 320

games as head coach of the men's team, becoming the second coach in Big Ten history to win more than 300 games

• Guided men's team to four NCAA Tournament appearances (2001, 2004, 2007, 2008)



## GLORIA BECKSFORD

Softball 1975-76; Softball Coach 1981-93  
Hometown – Holland, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 1992  
• Pitched MSU to 1976 College World Series title  
• First female athlete with number retired  
• 1986 Big Ten Coach of the Year



## DON BEHM

Wrestling 1965-67  
Hometown – Winnetka, IL  
Hall of Fame Class – 2016  
• 1968 Olympic silver medalist in freestyle wrestling  
• Two-time All-American (1965 & 1967) and Big Ten Champion (1965 & 1967)

• Part of MSU's 1967 NCAA Championship team, finishing as the national runner-up at 130 pounds



## CHARLIE BELL

Basketball 1997-2001  
Hometown – Flint, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2015  
• Winningest player in MSU basketball history (115 wins)  
• 2001 All-American  
• MSU's all-time leader in games started (136)



## RICHARD BERRY

Fencing 1952-53  
Hometown – Highland Park, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2000  
• 1952 All-American  
• 1952 NCAA runner-up in individual epee  
• Two-time Big Ten Champion (1952 Epee / 1953 Foil)



## AMO BESSONE

Hockey Coach 1951-79  
Hometown – Sagamore, MA  
Hall of Fame Class – 1992  
• 1966 National Coach of the Year  
• Five Big Ten Championships  
• U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame inductee



## JIM BIBBS

Men's Track & Field Coach 1968-98  
Hometown – Ecorse, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2010  
• First African-American head coach at Michigan State  
• During his tenure, Spartans earned two world records, 52 Big Ten titles and All-America honors 26 times

• Tutored Judi Brown to the 1984 Olympic silver medal in the 400-meter hurdles



## ART BRANDSTATTER SR.

Football 1934-36  
Hometown – East Lansing, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 1994  
• 1936 All-American  
• 1961 Selection to Sports Illustrated's Silver Anniversary All-America Team  
• 1990 Jack Breslin Lifetime Achievement Award winner



## MOLLY BRENNAN

Track 1979-82  
Hometown – Waterloo, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 1994  
• 1982 Rhodes Scholar  
• 1981-82 All-American sprinter  
• 1982 Sportsman of the Year



## JACK BRESLIN

Football / Basketball / Baseball 1944-46  
Hometown – Battle Creek, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 1992  
• 1944 "Governor's Award" football MVP  
• 30-year MSU administrator  
• Duffy Daugherty Award winner



## CHESTER BREWER

Athletics Director / Coach 1903-10, 1917, 1919-22  
Hometown – Owosso, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2000  
• MAC's first full-time athletics director  
• Coached football, basketball, baseball and track teams  
• Football team went undefeated in 43-straight

home games (1903-10)



## JUDI BROWN

Track & Field 1980-83  
Hometown – East Lansing, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 1995  
• 1983 NCAA Champion in 400-meter hurdles  
• Three-time All-American  
• 12-time Big Ten Champion





# SPARTAN ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME



## LAUREN BROWN

Cross Country / Track & Field 1928-31  
Hometown – Detroit, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2003

- 1928 cross country All-American
- Won the Central Collegiate Conference Championships in 1927 and 1929
- Set school records in the steeplechase and 2-mile



## ED BUDDE

Football 1960-62  
Hometown – Detroit, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2010

- 1962 All-American
- First-round draft pick of both the AFL's Kansas City Chiefs (then Dallas Texans) and the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles

• Seven-time Pro Bowl selection and two-time first-team All-Pro



## HENRY BULLOUGH

Football / Assistant Football Coach  
1952-54 / 1959-69, 1994  
Hometown – Canton, OH  
Hall of Fame Class – 2013

- Three-year letterman helped MSU to 1952 National Championship and 1953 Big Ten title
- 12 years as MSU assistant coach (1959-69, 1994)

• Named president of MSU Football Players Association in 2004



## LEANDER BURNETT

Baseball / Track & Field 1889-92  
Hometown – Harbor Springs, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 1995

- Three-time all-around MIAA track champion
- Won 37 individual events at MIAA field days
- Earned nine varsity letters in baseball and track



## BOB CAREY

Football / Basketball / Track 1949-52  
Hometown – Charlevoix, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 1992

- 1951 shot put All-American
- 1951 football All-American
- Three-year basketball starter



## BOB CASSELMAN

Track & Field 1971-74  
Hometown – Grand Rapids, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2017

- Five-time All-American
- Posted eight Top-10 finishes at the NCAA Championships
- Won 13 total Big Ten titles, including eight

individual titles, setting collegiate record in 600-yard run and owns school records in 400m hurdles and 600-yard run



## LYNN CHANDNOIS

Football 1946-49  
Hometown – Flint, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 1992

- 1948 "Governor's Award" football MVP
- 1950 Michigan Outstanding Amateur Athlete of the Year
- 1949 All-American halfback



## MATEEN CLEAVES

Men's Basketball 1996-2000  
Hometown – Flint, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2011

- Three-time All-American (1998, 1999, 2000) and two-time Big Ten Player of the Year (1998, 1999)
- Three-time captain helped lead Michigan

State to 2000 National Championship

- Finished his career as Big Ten's all-time assists leader (816)



## DON COLEMAN

Football 1949-51  
Hometown – Flint, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 1992

- First Spartan to have his number retired
- MSU's first unanimous All-American
- 1975 College Football Hall of Fame inductee



## FENDLEY COLLINS

Wrestling Coach 1930-62  
Hometown – Headrick, OK  
Hall of Fame Class – 1996

- 1961 Big Ten Championship
- Coached individuals to 13 NCAA titles
- Coached individuals to 14 Big Ten titles



## SHIRLEY COOK

Field Hockey / Basketball / Track & Field  
1955-58  
Hometown – Port Hope, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2007

- One of MSU's pioneer female student-athletes
- Founder of Women's Varsity Alumni Club
- Created an endowment in her name to promote women's athletics



## DANA COOKE

Volleyball 1993-96  
Hometown – Burlington, ONT  
Hall of Fame Class – 2011

- Co-captained her team to the 1995 Final Four and Big Ten titles in 1995 and 1996
- Two-time All-American & First Team All-Big Ten (1995, 1996)

• Set MSU single-season records for blocks (191) and block assists (163) in 1995



## JERRY DAPRATO

Football 1912-15  
Hometown – Iron Mountain, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2001

- First football All-American (1915)
- Led nation in scoring (1915), running for 15 touchdowns, booting 28 extra points and converting two field goals for 124 points.
- Set single-game and season scoring records



## DUFFY DAUGHERTY

Football Coach 1954-72  
Hometown – Barnesboro, PA  
Hall of Fame Class – 1992

- 1956 and 1965 National Coach of the Year
- Coached 33 first-team All-Americans
- College Football Hall of Fame inductee



## CHUCK DAVEY

Boxing 1943, 1947-49  
Hometown – Dearborn, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 1992

- Only four-time NCAA boxing champion
- Undefeated collegiate record
- Member of 1948 U.S. Olympic team



## JOE DELAMILLEURE

Football 1970-72  
Hometown – Center Line, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2003

- 1972 Football All-American
- 1971 and 1972 All-Big Ten First Team
- 2003 Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee
- Six-time NFL All-Pro



## KAREN DENNIS

Track & Field (Athlete 1974-77 | Head Coach 1981-92)  
Hometown – Detroit, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2019

- MSU's first female national champion (220-yard dash; 1975)
- Two-time All-American in 1975 (220-yard dash and 440-yard relay)

• As head coach, guided MSU women's track and field to its first Big Ten Championship in 1982

- Head coach of the U.S. women's national team at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games



## MARSHALL DILL

Track & Field 1972-75  
Hometown – Detroit, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2007

- 11-time Big Ten Champion; 1972 and 1973 All-American
- 1973 NCAA outdoor champion in 220-yard dash
- Won four-consecutive Big Ten titles in the outdoor 220-yard dash and two straight in the outdoor 100-yard dash



## GARY DILLEY

Swimming 1965-67  
Hometown – Huntington, IN  
Hall of Fame Class – 1995

- 1965-66 NCAA Champion in 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke
- Eight-time Big Ten champion
- 12-time All-American



## MIKE DONNELLY

Hockey (1982-86)  
Hometown – Livonia, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2019

- NCAA single-season record with 59 goals in 1985-86
- Scored the game-winning goal in the 1986 National Championship game and was named the NCAA Tournament's Most Outstanding Player
- 1986 First Team All-American and Hobey Baker Award finalist
- Played 11 seasons in the NHL and helped Los Angeles to the 1993 Stanley Cup Final



## JIM ELLIS

Football 1951-53  
Hometown – Saginaw, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2007

- First Spartan to receive All-America honors in consecutive years (1951-52)
- Named to All-Western first team in 1952
- Captain of the 1953 Big Ten and 1954 Rose Bowl Championship team



## SUE ERTL

Golf 1977-80  
Hometown – Ionia, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2001

- 1979 All-American
- 1977 and 1978 Big Ten Medalist
- 1978 Runner-up Midwest AIAW Championships



## JULIE FARRELL-OVENHOUSE

Swimming & Diving 1988-91  
Hometown – Holt, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2005

- 1990 NCAA champion on the one-meter board
- 1991 NCAA champion on the three-meter board
- Six-time All-American



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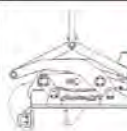
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## DR. JAMES FEURIG

Team Physician 1953-75  
Hometown – Seymour, WI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2000

- MSU team physician for 22 years
- Key researcher on the dangers of the cross-body block in football
- 1968 Michigan State Medical Society Distinguished Service Award



## MARY FOSSUM

Golf Coach 1973-97  
Hometown – Green Bay, WI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2003

- Led the Spartans to five straight Big Ten titles from 1974-78 plus 1982 crown
- Guided team to six-consecutive AIAW National Championship appearances from 1973-78



## RICHARD FREY

Cross Country / Track & Field 1936-40  
Hometown – Buffalo, NY  
Hall of Fame Class – 2007

- Captain of 1939 cross country NCAA Championship team, the first NCAA title won by a Spartan team

- Four-time All-American (twice in cross country/twice in track)
- Member of IC4A Championship team in 1937



## LYMAN FRIMODIG

Basketball / Baseball / Football 1914-17  
Hometown – Calumet, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 1992

- MSU's only 10-time letterwinner
- 41-year career as assistant athletic director and business manager

- Co-author of Spartan Saga: A History of Michigan State Athletics



## SAVATHEDA (FYNES) COKE

Track & Field 1996-97  
Hometown – Coopers Town, Bahamas  
Hall of Fame Class – 2018

- The only Spartan track and field athlete to win three NCAA Championships, including two during the 1997 outdoor season
- One of just two female Big Ten athletes to capture the NCAA title in both the 100 and 200m in the same year

- Four-time Big Ten champion, capturing both the 55 and 200m titles at the Indoor Championships, and the 100 and 200m titles at the Outdoor Championships
- Two-time Olympic medalist, representing the Bahamas, earning a silver medal in 1996 and a gold medal in 2000 in the 4X100 relay



## JOHN FUZAK

Faculty Athletics Representative 1959-79  
Hometown – Crewe, VA  
Hall of Fame Class – 2005

- Served as MSU's Faculty Representative for 20 years (1959-79)
- Twice served as chairman for the Big Ten Faculty Representatives

- MSU's Vice President of Student Affairs from 1961-66



## STEVE GARVEY

Baseball / Football 1966-68  
Hometown – Tampa, FL  
Hall of Fame Class – 2010

- 1968 All-American in baseball
- Four-time Gold Glove winner and 1974 National League MVP

- Appeared in 10 Major League All-Star games & 5 World Series
- 1,207 consecutive games played ranks fourth all time in Major League Baseball history



## KIRK GIBSON

Football / Baseball 1975-78  
Hometown – Waterford, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 1994

- 1978 baseball and football All-American
- No. 1 draft pick of Detroit Tigers in 1978
- Key MLB veteran on two World Series Championship teams



## CHERYL GILLIAM

Track & Field 1978-81  
Hometown – Detroit, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2003

- 1981 indoor All-American in 60-meter dash
- Won four-straight Big Ten titles in the outdoor 200-meter dash
- Set six individual and nine relay records



## EVERETT "SONNY" GRANELIUS

Football 1948-50  
Hometown – Muskegon Heights, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 1995

- 1950 All-American
- 1950 "Governor's Award" football MVP
- 1951 Hula Bowl MVP



## JOHNNY GREEN

Basketball 1957-59  
Hometown – Dayton, OH  
Hall of Fame Class – 1992

- Three-time All-American
- 1959 Big Ten MVP
- Three-time All-Big Ten



## ROGER GROVE

Football / Basketball 1928-31  
Hometown – Sturgis, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2000

- 1930 Football All-American
- 1930 Basketball All-American
- Led basketball team in scoring in 1929-30 and 1930-31



## GEORGE GUERRE

Football 1946-48  
Hometown – Flint, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2007

- Led the Spartans in rushing for three-straight seasons from 1946-48
- Averaged 6.75 yards per carry, the best career rushing average in school history
- 1946 team MVP



## LINDA GUSTAVSON

Swimming 1969-72  
Hometown – Santa Cruz, CA  
Hall of Fame Class – 2010

- 1968 Olympic gold medalist in the 400-meter relay
- 1970 AIAW National Champion in the 50-meter freestyle

- Earned a silver medal in the 400-meter individual freestyle and bronze medal in 100-meter individual freestyle at 1968 Olympics



## JOHN HANNAH

MSU President 1941-69  
Hometown – Grand Rapids, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 1992

- Led MSU into the Big Ten Conference
- Football jersey number retired for 46 years of service
- Awarded USA Medal of Freedom for his civil rights work



## TREVOR HARRIS

Soccer 1967-69  
Hometown – Kingston, Jamaica  
Hall of Fame Class – 2016

- Member of NCAA Co-Championship teams in 1967 and 1968
- Third-leading scorer in MSU history with 116 goals
- Two-time First-Team All-American (1967 & 1968)



## KRISTIN HAYNIE

Women's Basketball 2001-05  
Hometown – Mason, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2017

- 2005 NCAA Regional & Big Ten Tournament Most Outstanding Player, guiding MSU to its first Final Four in program history
- Three-time All-Big Ten honoree (2003-2005)

- earning Kodak & WBCA Honorable Mention All-America honors in 2005
- MSU career leader in assists (574) and steals (346)



## GEORGE M. "JUD" HEATHCOTE

Basketball Coach 1975-95  
Hometown – Spokane, WA  
Hall of Fame Class – 2001

- 1979 NCAA Championship
- Won three Big Ten titles (1978, 1979, 1990)
- 2001 National Association of Basketball Coaches Golden Anniversary Award



## JACK HEPPINSTALL

Athletic Trainer 1914-59  
Hometown – Durham County, England  
Hall of Fame Class – 1994

- MSU's first athletic trainer
- Served under five athletics directors & 12 head football coaches
- National Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame inductee



## JOHN HORNE

Boxing 1958-60  
Hometown – Washington, D.C.  
Hall of Fame Class: 1996

- Three-time NCAA Champion in 178-pound class
- Competed without regular coach, program or sparring partner
- Two-time All-American



## MARY KAY ITNYRE

Women's Basketball (1977-80)  
Hometown – Detroit, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2015

- All-Region, AIAW First-Team All-State and team MVP in 1979-80
- 1979-80 CoSIDA Academic All-American (third team)
- Set 19 MSU single-season and career records



## DR. NELL JACKSON

Assistant Director of Athletics for Women 1973-81  
Women's Track & Field Coach 1973-77, 1978-81  
Hometown – Athens, GA  
Hall of Fame Class – 2010

- Coached 13 athletes to All-America honors
- Member of the Black Athletes Hof, Women's Sports Foundation Hof and National Track & Field Hof
- First African-American woman to coach Olympic track team & serve on the U.S. Olympic Committee's board of directors



## BURL JENNINGS

Wrestling 1941-43  
Hometown – Tulsa, OK  
Hall of Fame Class – 1995

- Two-time NCAA Champion
- 1943 co-captain with twin brother



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## MERLE JENNINGS

Wrestling 1941-43  
Hometown – Tulsa, OK  
Hall of Fame Class – 1995  
• Two-time NCAA Champion  
• 1943 co-captain with twin brother  
• 1943 National AAU Champion



## EARVIN "MAGIC" JOHNSON

Basketball 1978-79  
Hometown – Lansing, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 1992  
• 1979 All-American  
• 1979 Big Ten MVP  
• MVP of 1979 NCAA Tournament



## FRED JOHNSON

Track 1947-50  
Hometown – Grandville, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 1993  
• 1949 NCAA Champion in broad jump  
• 1949 All-American in the broad jump and low hurdles  
• Shared world record in 65-yard low hurdles



## GREG JOHNSON

Wrestling 1969-72  
Hometown – Lansing, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2014  
• First Big Ten wrestler to win three NCAA Championships  
• Won three consecutive Big Ten Championships  
• Compiled a career record of 54-5-2 (.902) and 17 falls



## CLINTON JONES

Football / Track & Field 1964-66  
Hometown – Cleveland, OH  
Hall of Fame Class – 2012  
• Two-time First-Team All-American & All-Big Ten (1965-66)  
• Led Spartans in rushing on National Championship and Big Ten Championship teams in 1965 and 1966

• Big Ten's leading rusher in conference games in 1965



## STEVE JUDAY

Football / Baseball 1963-66  
Hometown – Northville, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2016  
• Quarterback of the 1965 National Championship and Big Ten Championship team  
• 1965 All-American, Academic All-American and Big Ten Medal of Honor winner

• First Spartan quarterback to throw for more than 1,000 yards in a season



## JOYCE KAZMERSKI

Golf 1964-67  
Hometown – Detroit, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 1994  
• 1966 National Collegiate Golf Champion  
• Formed Women's Golf Club at MSU  
• Played on LPGA tour from 1968 to 1985



## KISHA (KELLEY) SIMPSON

Women's Basketball 1991-95  
Hometown – Detroit, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2011  
• First women's basketball All-American at MSU  
• Finished her career as the program's leading scorer  
• Three-time All-Big Ten selection and team MVP



## GREG KELSNER

Basketball 1976-79  
Hometown – Detroit, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 1996  
• 1979 All-American  
• Three-time team MVP  
• 1979 First-team Academic All-American



## CRAWFORD "FREDDY" KENNEDY

Cross Country / Track & Field 1957-59  
Hometown – Glasgow, Scotland  
Hall of Fame Class – 1992  
• Three-time cross country All-American  
• 1958 NCAA cross country champion  
• 1959 Big Ten cross country and two-mile champion



## HENRY KENNEDY

Cross Country / Track & Field 1955-58  
Hometown – Glasgow, Scotland  
Hall of Fame Class – 1992  
• Six-time letterwinner in cross country and track & field  
• 1955 Big Ten cross-country champion  
• 1955-56 IC4A Champion



## GENE KENNEY

Soccer Coach 1956-69  
Hometown – Urbana, IL  
Hall of Fame Class – 2005  
• Led MSU to back-to-back National Championships in 1967-68  
• Teams made eight-straight trips to the NCAA Tournament from 1962-69

• His .866 winning pct. is second in the NCAA



## ANNE PEWE KHADEMIAN

Cross Country / Track & Field 1979-82, 1984  
Hometown – Olivet, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2016  
• Member of the first-ever Big Ten Cross Country Championship Team (1981)  
• Two-time All-American (cross country – 1981; 3,000m – 1982)  
• Three-time Big Ten Champion, winning

the two-mile run at the 1982 Big Ten Indoor Championships and the 3,000-meter run and 4x800-meter relay at the 1982 Big Ten Outdoor Championships



## JOHN KOBBS

Baseball Coach 1925-63  
Hometown – Cavalier, ND  
Hall of Fame Class – 1993  
• 576-377-16 record over 39 years  
• MSU's baseball field named in his honor  
• Michigan Sports Hall of Fame inductee



## FRANK KUSH

Football 1950-52  
Hometown – Windber, PA  
Hall of Fame Class – 2000  
• 1952 All-American  
• Anchored defensive line for 1952 National Champions  
• MSU Centennial Super Squad



## BONNIE LAUER

Golf 1970-73  
Hometown – Walled Lake, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 1992  
• 1973 AIAW National Champion  
• First female athlete voted "Spartan of the Week" by the State News  
• 1976 LPGA Rookie of the Year



## SHERMAN LEWIS

Football / Track & Field 1961-64  
Hometown – Louisville, KY  
Hall of Fame Class – 2001  
• 1963 All-American  
• 1963 Football Co-captain  
• Finished third in Heisman Trophy balloting in 1963



## DANNY LITWHILER

Baseball Coach 1964-82  
Hometown – Ringtown, PA  
Hall of Fame Class – 1994  
• Two Big Ten Championship teams  
• Coached 13 future MLB players  
• 1942 All-Star with Philadelphia



## DEAN LOOK

Football / Baseball 1957-59  
Hometown – Lansing, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2007  
• 1959 football All-American  
• 1958 baseball team MVP and first-team All-Big Ten selection led the Spartans in runs, RBI, total bases, stolen bases, doubles and home runs  
• Spent 29 years as an official in the NFL



## WILLIAM MACK

Cross Country / Track & Field 1948-50  
Hometown – Palos Park, IL  
Hall of Fame Class – 1996  
• 1950 All-American in mile run  
• Four-time cross country All-American (two at MSU)  
• Member of world record two-mile relay team



## JANE MANCHESTER-MEYERS

Swimming & Diving 1972-74, 1976  
Hometown – Pompano Beach, FL  
Hall of Fame Class – 1992  
• Three-time All-American  
• 1973-74 AIAW National Champion  
• 1973-74 Big Ten Champion



## RON MASON

Hockey Coach 1979-2002  
Director of Athletics 2002-2007  
Hometown – Blyth, ONT  
Hall of Fame Class – 2010  
• Retired as the winningest college hockey coach in history (924 victories)  
• 1986 NCAA Championship

• 17 CCHA regular-season and playoff titles



## CHARLES McCAFFREE JR.

Men's Swimming & Diving Coach 1941-69  
Hometown – Sioux Falls, SD  
Hall of Fame Class – 2011  
• Coached the Spartans to eight-straight Central Collegiate Conference Championships, and first-ever Big Ten Championship in 1957

• Awarded National Collegiate and Scholastic Swimming Trophy in 1965



## JULIUS MCCOY

Basketball 1953-56  
Hometown – Farrell, PA  
Hall of Fame Class – 2010  
• 1956 All-American  
• Second player in program history to surpass the 1,000-point total  
• Appeared in the 1956 College All-Star game



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## ROBERT "BUCK" MCCURRY

Football 1946-48  
Hometown - Lewistown, PA  
Hall of Fame Class - 1993  
• Three-time team captain  
• Duffy Daugherty Award winner  
• All-American center



## GALE MIKLES

Wrestling 1945-48  
Hometown - Tulsa, OK  
Hall of Fame Class - 1992  
• 1947 NCAA Champion at 155 pounds  
• 1945 AAU National Champion in 145-pound class  
• Long-time MSU coach and administrator



## PAT MILKOVICH

Wrestling 1972-76  
Hometown - Maple Heights, OH  
Hall of Fame Class - 2015  
• Two-time NCAA Champion (1972, 1974)  
• Three-time Big Ten Champion (1972, 1974, 1976)  
• Four-time All-American



## TOM MILKOVICH

Wrestling (1969-73)  
Hall of Fame Class - 2019  
Maple Heights, OH  
• 1972 National Champion at 142 pounds  
• Three-time All-American  
• Four-time Big Ten Champion  
• First ever Big Ten wrestler to go undefeated in conference matches



## BLAKE MILLER

Football / Baseball / Basketball 1912-15  
Hometown - Tonawanda, NY  
Hall of Fame Class - 2005  
• Named to MSU's all-time Old-Timers Football Team (pre-1940) in 1970  
• 1915 football All-American  
• Earned All-Western honors in football (1913-14)



## KIP MILLER

Hockey 1986-90  
Hometown - Lansing, MI  
Hall of Fame Class - 2013  
• 1990 Hobey Baker Memorial Award winner, Hockey News / Bauer College Player of the Year and CCHA Player of the Year  
• Two-time First-Team All-American and two-time First-Team All-CCHA selection

- Led the NCAA in scoring in both 1988-89 and 1989-90



## RACHEL MILLER

Rowing 1999-2003  
Hometown - Meeteetse, WY  
Hall of Fame Class - 2018  
• Three-time All-American (2001-03), including first-team honors in 2001 & 2003  
• First MSU rower to earn First-Team All-American honors and the first to be a three-time All-American

- Three-time All-Big Ten and CRCA Central Region honoree
- Four consecutive NCAA Championship appearances



## RYAN MILLER

Hockey 1999-2002  
Hometown - East Lansing, MI  
Hall of Fame Class - 2013  
• 2001 Hobey Baker Memorial Award winner, USA Hockey College Player of the Year and First-Team All-American  
• Two-time CCHA Player of the Year and 2001 CCHA Tournament MVP

- NCAA all-time leader in career save percentage and shutouts



## DEANNE MOORE

Softball 1981-84  
Hometown - Fenton, MI  
Hall of Fame Class - 1996  
• 1983 All-American and GTE Academic All-American  
• 1984 All-Big Ten selection  
• 1984 Alderton Athlete of the Year



## EARL MORRALL

Football 1953-56  
Hometown - Muskegon, MI  
Hall of Fame Class - 1992  
• 1955 All-American  
• 1955 All-Big Ten  
• 1968 NFL MVP



## CLARENCE "BIGGIE" MUNN

Football Coach 1947-53  
Athletic Director 1954-72  
Hometown - Minneapolis, MN  
Hall of Fame Class - 1992  
• Posted an .857 winning percentage over seven years  
• 1952 National Coach of the Year

- College Football Hall of Fame inductee



## GWEN NORRELL PH.D.

Faculty Athletics Representative 1979-87  
Hometown - Eudora, AR  
Hall of Fame Class - 2000  
• First woman to serve as Faculty Representative in Big Ten history  
• NCAA Vice-President (1983-84 and 1984-85)  
• MSU Athletic Council (two terms)



## CARL "BUCK" NYSTRÖM

Football 1953-55  
Hometown - Marquette, MI  
Hall of Fame Class - 2014  
• 1955 First-Team All-American and team MVP  
• First-Team Academic All-America honors as a senior  
• Spent 38 years as a college coach



## HERB ODOM

Boxing 1952-55  
Hometown - Flint, MI  
Hall of Fame Class - 2005  
• Back-to-back NCAA Champion at 147 pounds (1954-55)  
• Led MSU to 1955 team National Championship  
• Two-time All-American (1954-55)



## WELDON OLSON

Hockey 1951-55  
Hometown - Marquette, MI  
Hall of Fame Class - 2001  
• 1953 Hockey MVP  
• 1960 Olympic Ice Hockey Gold Medalist  
• 1956 Olympic Ice Hockey Silver Medalist



## GRADY PENINGER

Wrestling Coach 1963-1986  
Hometown - Ponca City, OK  
Hall of Fame Class - 2007  
• First Big Ten Coach to win seven consecutive conference titles (1966-72)  
• During his tenure, Spartan wrestlers earned 10 NCAA titles, 40 Big Ten titles and garnered All-American honors 54 times

- 1987 U.S. Wrestling Hall of Fame inductee



## GEORGE PERLES

Football Coach 1983-94  
Hometown - Allen Park, MI  
Hall of Fame Class - 2007  
• Led the Spartans to two Big Ten titles (1987 and 1990) and seven bowl appearances  
• Three of his teams finished among the nation's Top 25, including the 1987 Big Ten championship team that ranked No. 8 in the final polls  
• Coached nine first-team All-Americans



## MORRIS PETERSON

Basketball 1995-2000  
Hometown - Flint, MI  
Hall of Fame Class - 2013  
• 2000 All-American; first-team honors from Sporting News  
• 2000 Big Ten Player of the Year and 2000 Big Ten Tournament Most Outstanding Player  
• Two-time First-Team All-Big Ten, including becoming the first non-starter to earn first-team honors in league history



## JOHN PINGEL

Football 1936-38  
Hometown - Mt. Clemens, MI  
Hall of Fame Class - 1993  
• 1937-38 All-American punter  
• First round draft pick of Detroit Lions  
• National Football Foundation Hall of Fame inductee



## KEN POPEJOY

Cross Country / Track & Field 1969-73  
Hometown - Glen Ellyn, IL  
Hall of Fame Class - 2016  
• School record holder in the mile, becoming the first Spartan to run a sub-four minute mile (3:57.0)  
• Four-time All-American (cross country-1970; indoor mile-1972; outdoor mile-1972 and 1973)

- Member of four Big Ten Championship teams, including the "Triple Crown Team" in 1971-72 that won Big Ten Championships in cross country, indoor track & field and outdoor track & field



## PATTI RADUENCZ

Softball 1993-96  
Hometown - Burlington, WI  
Hall of Fame Class - 2016  
• All-American (1996), two-time All-Big Ten Selection and CoSIDA Academic All-American (1995, 1996)  
• One of the most prolific offensive players in

- program history, graduating with nine school records
- USA Baseball Women's National team (2004), winning gold in the International Baseball Federation (IBAF) Women's World Cup in Edmonton, Alberta



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## JIMMY RAYE

Football 1964-67  
Hometown - Fayetteville, NC  
Hall of Fame Class - 2018  
• Member of Michigan State's 1965 and 1966 Big Ten and National Championship teams  
• Michigan State's first African-American starting quarterback and one of the Big Ten

Conference's first African-American quarterbacks

- First African-American starting quarterback from the South to win a National Championship
- 1966 Second-Team All-Big Ten, leading Big Ten quarterbacks in rushing yards



## SHAWN RESPERT

Basketball 1991-95  
Hometown - Detroit, MI  
Hall of Fame Class - 2012  
• MSU's all-time leading scorer (2,531 career points)  
• 1995 NABC and Sporting News National Player of the Year

- 1994 & 1995 All-American & 1995 Consensus First-Team All-American



## CARLTON RINTZ

Gymnastics 1952-55  
Hometown - Quarryville, PA  
Hall of Fame Class - 1992  
• Nine-time Big Ten Champion  
• 1954 NCAA Champion on pommel horse  
• 1955 NCAA Champion on parallel bars, horizontal bars & pommel horse



## ANDRE RISON

Football (1985-88)  
Hometown - Flint, MI  
Hall of Fame Class - 2015  
• 1988 Gannett News Service First-Team All-American  
• Two-time First-Team All-Big Ten selection (1986, 1988)

- Five-time NFL Pro Bowl selection (1990, 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1997)



## ROBIN ROBERTS

Baseball / Basketball 1945-47  
Hometown - Springfield, IL  
Hall of Fame Class - 1992  
• Selected to 100th anniversary College All-Star team in 1959  
• Recorded 286 wins in 10 Major League seasons

- 1976 Baseball Hall of Fame inductee



## MIKE ROBINSON

Basketball (1971-74)  
Hall of Fame Class - 2019  
Detroit, MI  
• Holds the MSU career scoring average record at 24.2 points per game  
• Scored 1,717 points in 71 career games  
• Led the Big Ten in scoring in 1972 & 1973

- Named First Team All-Big Ten all three seasons



## TOM ROSS

Hockey 1973-76  
Hometown - Dearborn, MI  
Hall of Fame Class - 2007  
• MSU career records of 324 points, 138 goals & 186 assists  
• Scored at least one point in 79 consecutive games

- Second college player to reach 300-point mark; ranks second all-time with 324 career points



## ERNESTINE RUSSELL-WEAVER

Gymnastics 1957-60  
Hometown - Windsor, ONT  
Hall of Fame Class - 1992  
• 1955 AAU National Champion  
• Completed without a team at MSU  
• Member of 1956 and 1960 Canadian Olympic teams



## MIKE SADLER

Football 2011-14  
Hometown - Grand Rapids, MI  
Hall of Fame Class - 2016  
• MSU's first-ever four-time Academic All-American (2011-14), including earning first-team honors in 2013 & 2014  
• 2013 First-Team All-American and two-time

First-Team All-Big Ten selection (2012 & 2013)

- Member of MSU's 2013 Big Ten and 2014 Rose Bowl Championship team



## GEORGE SAIMES

Football 1959-62  
Hometown - Canton, OH  
Hall of Fame Class - 2000  
• 1962 All-American  
• Finished seventh in the Heisman Trophy balloting in 1962  
• Two-time All-Big Ten (consensus first team 1961-62)



## KARL SCHLADEMAN

Track & Field Coach 1941-59  
Hometown - Seaford, IN  
Hall of Fame Class - 1995  
• Turned Michigan State Relays into a major event  
• Led the Spartans to three ICAA titles  
• Coached four Olympians



## CLARKE SCHOLES

Swimming 1950-52  
Hometown - Detroit, MI  
Hall of Fame Class - 1992  
• 1952 Olympic Gold Medal in 100m freestyle  
• Five-time NCAA Champion  
• International Swimming Hall of Fame inductee



## SUE SELKE

Tennis 1972-75  
Hometown - Detroit, MI  
Hall of Fame Class - 2014  
• Member of the first MSU women's tennis team  
• Won three Big Ten individual championships  
• Helped the Spartans to two Big Ten team titles



## SCOTT SKILES

Basketball 1983-86  
Hometown - Plymouth, IN  
Hall of Fame Class - 2007  
• Led Big Ten in scoring in 1985-86 to earn All-American honors  
• 1986 Big Ten MVP  
• Became second Spartan to score more than 2,000 points



## CHARLES "BUBBA" SMITH

Football 1964-66  
Hometown - Beaumont, TX  
Hall of Fame Class - 1992  
• 1966 All-American  
• 1966 UPI Lineman of the Year  
• 1967 NFL No. 1 overall draft pick (Baltimore Colts)



## GIDEON "CHARLIE" SMITH

Football 1913-15  
Hometown - Lansing, MI  
Hall of Fame Class - 1994  
• MAC's first African-American football player  
• All-Star tackle on the 1913-15 MAC teams  
• Played pro football with Canton Bulldogs and Jim Thorpe



## STEVE SMITH

Basketball 1988-91  
Hometown - Detroit, MI  
Hall of Fame Class - 2001  
• 1990 and 1991 All-American  
• 1990 Big Ten Player of the Year  
• No. 21 jersey retired in 1999



## PERCY SNOW

Football 1986-1989  
Hometown - Canton, OH  
Hall of Fame Class - 2010  
• Two-time First-Team All-American (1988-89)  
• First player to win Butkus & Lombardi Awards in the same year (1989)  
• Three-time First-Team All-Big Ten Selection (1987-1989)



## DIANE SPOELSTRA

Women's Basketball / Softball / Volleyball 1975-78  
Hometown - Kentwood, MI  
Hall of Fame Class - 2012  
• One of only two women to start in 3 different sports at MSU  
• Volleyball starter for program that went back-to-back AIAW Championship appearances  
• Softball starter that batted .467 in 1976 CWS (AIAW Champions)



## FRED STABLEY JR.

Sports Information Director 1948-80  
Hometown - Dallastown, PA  
Hall of Fame Class - 1992  
• 1962 Arch Ward winner for his work as Sports Information Director  
• Press box at Spartan Stadium named in his honor  
• Charter member of CoSIDA Hall of Fame in 1969



## VALERIE STERK KEMPER

Volleyball 1993-96  
Hometown - Byron Center, MI  
Hall of Fame Class - 2007  
• First MSU female team sport athlete to earn First-Team All-America honors (1995 and 1996)  
• Led nation with .449 hitting percentage in 1996  
• Earned First-Team All-Big Ten honors three times



## KATHY STRAHAN

Softball / Basketball 1974-78  
Hometown - Lansing, MI  
Hall of Fame Class - 2014  
• Earned five combined letters in softball and basketball  
• Led the team in runs scored and triples as the leadoff hitter in 1976

- Spent 30 years coaching college softball and surpassed the 800-win milestone



## GEORGE SZYPULA

Men's Gymnastics Coach 1948-87  
Hometown - Philadelphia, PA  
Hall of Fame Class - 2012  
• Collected 252 dual meet victories in 41 seasons  
• Led Spartans to 1958 Co-National Championship and 1968 Big Ten Championship  
• Coached 18 NCAA individual champions and 47 Big Ten Champions





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## DAVE THOR

Gymnastics 1966-68  
Hometown – Reseda, CA  
Hall of Fame Class – 2014

- Three-time Big Ten all-around champion
- 1968 Nissen Award winner
- Named to 1968 United States Olympic team



## DR. CLARENCE UNDERWOOD

Athletics Director 1999-2002  
Administration 1969, 1972-83, 1990-1999  
Hometown – Gadsden, AL  
Hall of Fame Class – 2017

- Served as athletics director from 1999-2002, which proved to be a successful three years for the department, including the 2000 NCAA Championship

and multiple Final Fours for men's basketball, a 2000 Citrus Bowl victory and Top 10 finish for football, a Frozen Four for hockey and a majority of teams being represented in the NCAA Championships

- Implemented greatly expanded academic support services, including a tutoring program for all athletes with full-time academic counselors in the early 1970s

- Started Michigan State's first formal compliance program in the early 1990s



## BRAD VAN PELT

Football / Baseball / Basketball 1969-72  
Hometown – Owosso, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2000

- Three-sport athlete who won seven varsity letters
- Two-time football All-American (1971-72)
- First defensive back ever to receive Maxwell Award as nation's top collegiate player (1972)

Award as nation's top collegiate player (1972)



## DOUG VOLMAR

Hockey 1965-67  
Hometown – Cleveland Heights, OH  
Hall of Fame Class – 1992

- 1966 All-American
- 1966 WCHA All-Star
- Member of 1968 U.S. Olympic hockey team



## KEN WALSH

Swimming 1965-67  
Hometown – Ponte Vedra, FL  
Hall of Fame Class – 2010

- 12-time All-American
- 1967 NCAA Champion in 100m freestyle
- 1965 & 1967 Big Ten Champion
- 1968 Gold & Silver Olympic medalist



## GENE WASHINGTON

Football / Track & Field 1964-67  
Hometown – LaPorte, TX  
Hall of Fame Class – 1992

- 1965-66 All-American
- College Football Hall of Fame inductee
- 1967 NFL first-round draft pick



## HERB WASHINGTON

Track & Field 1969-72  
Hometown – Flint, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2000

- Four-time All-American
- 1970 and 1972 NCAA Indoor Champion in 60-yard dash
- Won seven Big Ten titles

- 1997 NCAA Silver Anniversary Award



## DOUG WEAVER

Athletics Director (1980-90)  
Football (1950-52)  
Hometown – Goshen, IN  
Hall of Fame Class – 2015

- As athletics director, supervised numerous facility upgrades
- Assistant football coach at Michigan State (1956-57)

- Three-year letterwinner on football team (1950-52)



## GEORGE WEBSTER

Football 1964-66  
Hometown – Anderson, SC  
Hall of Fame Class – 1992

- 1965-66 All-American
- 1966 "Governor's Award" football MVP
- Nine-year NFL veteran with three teams



## BILL WEHRWEIN

Track & Field 1967-70  
Hometown – Roseville, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2018

- Four-time All-American, including winning the NCAA Indoor title in the 600-yard run in 1969
- Five-time Big Ten Champion in three different events, winning individual honors in the 600

(indoor) and the 440 (outdoor)

- Set the American record in the 600-yard run with a time of 1:08.6 in 1969.

- Helped guide the Spartans to three Big Ten Indoor titles in the 4x400 relay (1968-70)



## LORENZO WHITE

Football 1984-87  
Hometown – Fort Lauderdale, FL  
Hall of Fame Class – 2010

- Two-time First-Team All-American (1985, 1987)
- Fourth in the Heisman Trophy balloting in 1985 & 1987
- MSU's all-time leading rusher with 4,887

yards, including 23 100-yard games



## JOHN D. WILSON

Football 1950-52  
Hometown – Lapeer, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2001

- MSU's first Rhodes Scholar
- 1952 Academic All-American
- 1952 North-South Football Game



## JENNA WROBEL

Volleyball 1995-98  
Hometown – Naperville, IL  
Hall of Fame Class – 2013

- MSU's all-time leader in kills (2,292) and kills per set (5.16)
- 1998 AVCA First-Team All-American
- Four-time First-Team All-Big Ten



## TOM YEWIC

Football / Baseball 1951-54  
Hometown – Conemaugh, PA  
Hall of Fame Class – 2003

- 1952 Football All-American
- 1954 Baseball All-American
- 1954 College World Series MVP



## MIKE YORK

Hockey (1995-99)  
Hometown – Waterford, MI  
Hall of Fame Class – 2015

- Two-time First-Team All-American
- Two-time Hobey Baker Award finalist
- 1999 CCHA Player of the Year and Best Defensive Forward



## RALPH YOUNG

Football Coach 1923-27  
Track & Field Coach 1924-40  
Athletic Director 1923-54  
Hometown – Crown Point, IN  
Hall of Fame Class – 1992

- Coached 27 track All-Americans & four Olympians

- Michigan Sports Hall of Fame inductee

- Served in Michigan Legislature from 1956 to 1962





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# SPARTAN MARCHING BAND

The 300-member Spartan Marching Band, which enters its 152nd season in 2021, is one of the oldest and most respected university marching bands in the country. The Director of the Spartan Marching Band is Dr. David Thornton and the Associate Director is Dr. Arris Golden.

The Spartan Marching Band was founded in 1870 as a 10-member student group. All of the original members were Civil War veterans.

The Spartan Marching Band was a military unit connected with the college ROTC for most of its existence. Until 1952, the band members wore military khaki uniforms. When Michigan State began playing Big Ten football in 1953, the band received its first green and white uniforms. Most of the strict military uniform codes are still adhered to today with squad leaders holding routing inspections before every performance.

No flutes or clarinets are used in the Spartan Marching Band, as these instruments are

difficult to hear in the large Big Ten stadiums. Instead, E-flat cornets play the high "wood-wind-like" parts.

The Spartan Marching Band has entertained five U.S. Presidents: Theodore Roosevelt (1907), Herbert Hoover (1930), Franklin D. Roosevelt (1936), Lyndon Johnson (1965) and Bill Clinton (1996 and 2001).

The Spartan Marching Band has performed at 21 bowl games, including five Rose Bowls (1954, 1956, 1966, 1988, 2014). In addition, the band has made appearances at the 1964 New York World's Fair, '84 New Orleans World's Fair, '84 World Series in Detroit and '93 Coca-Cola Bowl in Tokyo, Japan.

The Spartan Marching Band was the 1988 recipient of the Louis Sudler Trophy for collegiate marching bands, administered by the John Philip Sousa Foundation.







## History of the MSU Fight Song

Yellmaster Francis Irving Lankey, a civil engineering major at Michigan Agricultural College, composed the school's Fight Song in the spring of 1915. His friend Arthur L. Sayles, also a MAC student, wrote most of the words to the Fight Song. The football team's back-to-back road wins over national powers Michigan and Wisconsin in 1913 inspired Lankey to compose the MAC Fight Song because he felt those two schools had great fight songs. "Lank", as his friends called him, was a very popular and talented piano player.

Following graduation, he worked for the highway department and later became an instructor for the Army Air Corps. In a volunteer air demon-

stration in 1919, he crashed while attempting to land. Months after his untimely death, a girlfriend published his song.

Members of the football team sold 770 copies of the song for 50 cents at the 1919 Homecoming pep assembly. When it sold out in less than 30 minutes, everyone knew the Fight Song was a winner. In 1920, the Military Band played the MAC Fight Song at home football games. With slight variations to the original words, like changing Aggie to Spartan and MAC to MSU, it has been played ever since.

The "MSU Fight Song" was officially named "Victory for MSU" during Homecoming week in 2015 as part of the song's centennial celebration.



## ALMA MATER MSU SHADOWS

MSU, we love thy shadows  
When twilight silence falls,  
Flushing deep and softly paling  
O'er ivy covered halls;  
Beneath the pines we'll gather  
To give our faith so true,  
Sing our love for Alma Mater  
And thy praises MSU.  
When from these scenes we wander  
And twilight shadows fade,  
Our memory still will linger  
Where light and shadows played;  
In the evening oft we'll gather  
And pledge our faith anew,  
Sing our love for Alma Mater  
And thy praises MSU.

## MSU FIGHT SONG

On the banks of the Red Cedar,  
There's a school that's known to all;  
Its specialty is winning,  
And those Spartans play good ball;  
Spartan teams are never beaten,  
All through the game they'll fight;  
Fight for the only colors,  
Green and White.  
Go right through for MSU,  
Watch the points keep growing.  
Spartan teams are bound to win,  
They're fighting with a vim.  
Rah! Rah! Rah!  
See their team is weakening,  
We're going to win this game.  
Fight! Fight! Rah! Team, Fight!  
Victory for MSU.

*(Original Lyrics)*

On the banks of the Red Cedar,  
There's a school that's known to all;  
Its specialty is farming,  
And those farmers play football;  
Aggie teams are never beaten,  
All through the game they'll fight;  
Fight for the only colors,  
Green and White.  
Smash right through that line of blue,  
Watch the points keep growing.  
Aggie teams are bound to win,  
They're fighting with a vim.  
Rah! Rah! Rah!  
See their team is weakening,  
We're going to win this game.  
Fight! Fight! Rah! Team Fight!  
Victory for MAC.





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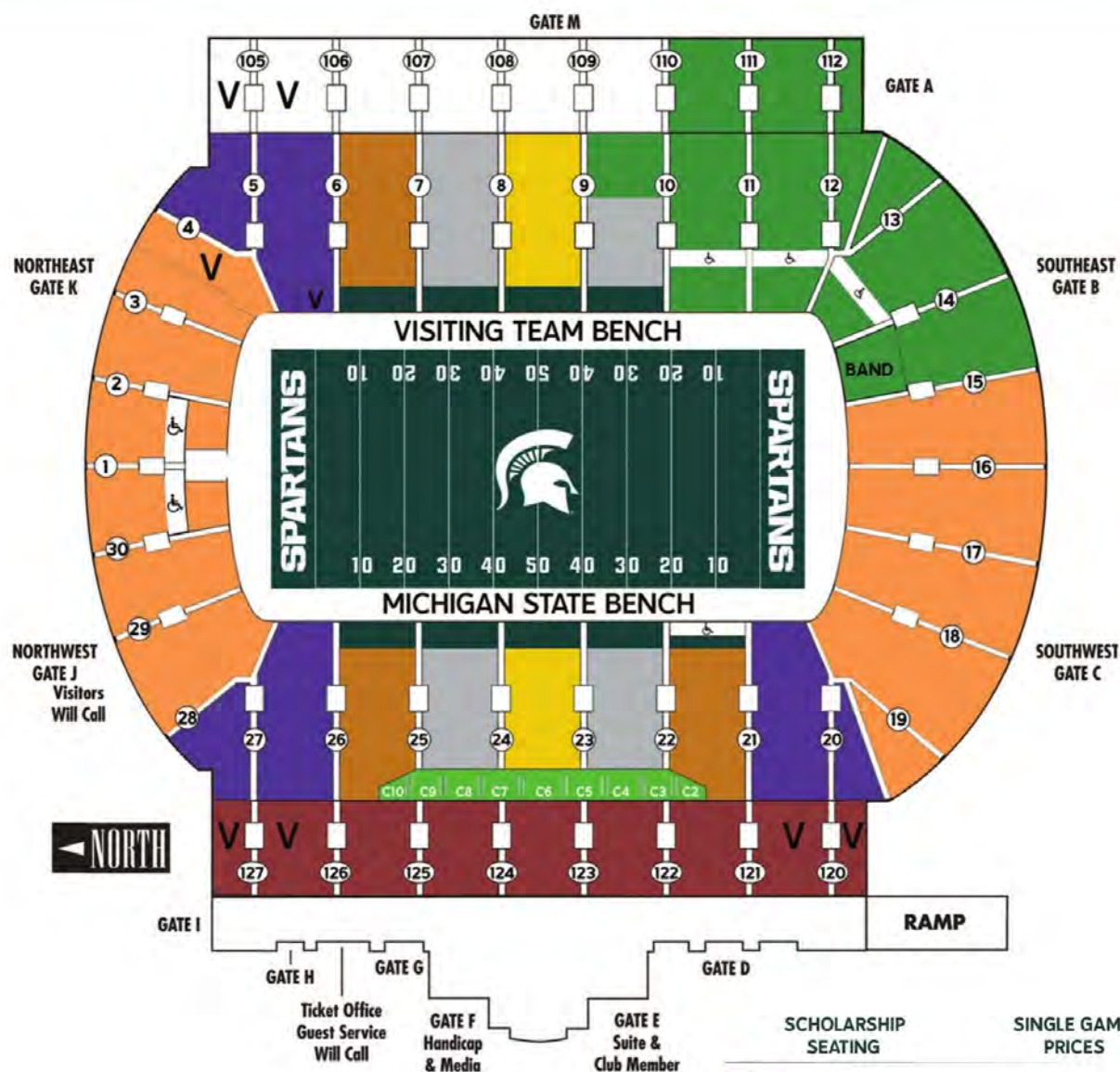
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Zone F - \$50	\$50 / \$80 (UM)
Non-Scholarship Seating	\$50 / \$80 (UM)
Student Section	Season Only





# SPARTAN HEAD COACHES



**JAKE BOSS JR**  
Baseball



**LISA BREZNAU**  
Director of Track & Field/  
Cross Country



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# DUFFY DAUGHERTY BUILDING AT SKANDALARIS FOOTBALL CENTER

The Michigan State football team moved into the \$15.5 million Skandalaris Football Center in 2008, giving the Spartans one of the nation's finest college football facilities. The 25,000-square-foot addition to the Duffy Daugherty Football Building took 14 months to complete. The Skandalaris Football Center was renovated in 2020 to add new offices and staff meeting rooms.

The addition was made possible through the generous donation of MSU alumni Robert and Julie Skandalaris of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, who donated \$5 million as the lead gift for this \$12.5 million phase of the project. The structure features team, staff and position meeting rooms, coaches' offices and The Demmer Family Hall of History.







In addition, an expanded weight room was finished in September 2008 that increased the facility in size from 9,000 to 16,500-square feet. Another renovation to the Duffy Daugherty Building was completed in 2009 as the program opened the spacious 1,800-square foot Henry and Lou Ann Bullough - Football Players Association Player Lounge.

The John and Becky Duffey Practice Field features a FieldTurf playing surface to complement the Spartans' natural grass field. The classic HD turf, which was installed in July 2013, features a patented layered infill system comprised of cryogenic SBR rubber and silica sand designed to be the safest and highest performing infill cushion layer for athletes. In addition, a permanent 50-foot video tower was constructed between the two practice fields. In the summer of 2014, a brick exterior was added to the north end of the facility.



Michigan State's Sports Medicine and Performance Center, located inside the Duffy Daugherty Football Building, opened on Aug. 3, 2015. The Sports Medicine and Performance Center features: four therapy pools, including two underwater treadmills and two hot/cold pools; new treatment tables and taping stations; three private examination rooms for team doctors; three private offices for the athletic training staff; X-ray; a stretch station; other therapy equipment and modalities as well as shower and locker space.

Football student-athletes have direct access from the new locker room to the completely renovated training room. The combined cost of the new football locker room and Sports Medicine and Performance Center was \$5.5 million.







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# SPARTAN STADIUM



Spartan Stadium is in its 98th season as home to Michigan State football. Since its opening in 1923, Michigan State has won 70 percent of its games played in Spartan Stadium. The Spartans hosted their 500th game at Spartan Stadium on Oct. 12, 2013, against Indiana on Homecoming.

One of just four collegiate football fields in the country to win Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) Field of the Year honors twice (2005 and 2016), Spartan Stadium got a new playing surface for the 2019 season. The project, which took place in the spring of 2019, replaced the modular field system with a conventional grass field. The modules were first installed in 2002 when Spartan Stadium returned to natural grass for the first time in 33 years and were renovated following the 2011 U2 concert in which the entire surface had to be replaced.

The sod for the new field was grown at Tuckahoe Turfgrass Farms in New Jersey, the number one provider of high quality athletic field turfgrass for the Midwest and northeastern part of the country. The soil types at Tuckahoe Farms provided a natural match to the engineered root zone that is utilized in Spartan Stadium. Sod from Tuckahoe Farms can be seen in professional stadiums across the country, including Lambeau Field, Lincoln Financial Field and Heinz Field in the NFL. Along with the Michigan State turf management staff, Fields Inc. helped oversee the installation of the new grass in Spartan Stadium.

Spartan Stadium represents a tribute to Michigan State's football past and a vote of confidence in its future. Since 2012, more than \$50 million has been committed to upgrading the 97-year-old facility to continually enhance the game day atmosphere. Most recently, Michigan State added new chairback seating areas for an expanded sideline club for the 2021 season, putting Spartan Stadium's current capacity at 74,866 (previous: 75,005).

In December 2016, the Michigan State Board of Trustees approved a \$13 million addition to the south end of Spartan Stadium that opened prior to the 2017 season. The 20,000-square-foot single-story project features the addition of 236 bathrooms, four concession stand areas (completed as a separate project for the 2018 season), and movement of the ticket entrances out from the stadium structure to create donor plazas and renovated gates similar to the North End Zone. In addition, permanent light structures, featuring LED field lighting, were installed over the summer in 2017 as part of the requirement of the new Big Ten broadcast agreement. The \$2 million project meets NCAA national championship broadcast lighting levels of 125 vertical foot candles, and the field lighting is fully controllable.

In June 2013, the MSU Board of Trustees approved a \$24.5 million project to the north end of Spartan Stadium that opened in August 2014. The structure features a two-story, 50,000-square-foot addition as well as an entrance plaza, renovated gates, and additional restrooms and concessions. The building includes locker rooms for teams, coaches and officials, including a 4,500-square-foot home locker room and a 700-square-foot home training room, in addition to a 3,600-square-foot media center and a 4,000-square-foot engagement center for all varsity sports. Former All-America offensive lineman Flozell



Adams provided a leadership gift of \$1.5 million for MSU's new locker room, which is named in honor of his later mother, Rachel Adams.

Prior to the 2012 season, new high-def Panasonic video screens and scoreboards as well as a new sound system were installed in Spartan Stadium. The new scoreboard/video screen in the south end zone is 5,300-square feet, compared to its predecessor that measured just 567-square feet (installed in 1998). The top of the new south end zone structure reaches 130 feet. In addition, two new video boards as well as an LED ribbon board were added to the north end zone. The LED ribbon board covers 4,500 square feet (450- feet long and 10-feet high). Combined, the south and north video screens/scoreboards total 13,300-square feet. The \$10 million project replaced a 14-year-old scoreboard, message board and audio system. In July 2014, ESPN named Spartan Stadium's south end zone scoreboard among the Top 10 in the nation at No. 9.

A \$64 million expansion project completed prior to the start of the 2005 football season featured the addition of nearly 3,000 seats, including 24 suites and a 193- seat press box, bringing the current stadium capacity to 75,005. "The Spartan" statue was relocated to the atrium of the new structure. The 200,000-square-foot addition also houses the MSU Alumni Association, University Development and other units. The Michigan State Board of Trustees approved the major addition and expansion project of Spartan Stadium in September 2003. Barton Malow/Clark served as the construction manager for the Spartan Stadium expansion project, with HNTB providing architectural services.

Spartan Stadium, which officially opened in 1923 at its current location, featured a natural grass playing surface until artificial turf was installed in 1969. The stadium returned to natural grass for the 2002 season. In 2005 and 2016, the natural grass playing surface in Spartan Stadium earned Field of the Year honors from the Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA).

Since 1957, capacity crowds have attended 178 games in Spartan Stadium, including the single-game record 80,401 fans who witnessed MSU's 20-19 loss

to top-ranked Notre Dame on Sept. 22, 1990. The Spartans have ranked among the NCAA's Top 25 in attendance each of the last 64 seasons, including 19th in 2019, averaging 67,819 fans per game. Michigan State also ranked 19th in the NCAA in total attendance in 2019 as 474,731 fans went through the turnstiles for seven home games, including a season-high 73,531 vs. Arizona State on Sept. 14.

A series of projects paralleling the Spartans' rise to national football prominence enlarged the steel-and-concrete facility from its original 14,000 seats in 1923 to its present size.

The first came in 1935, the year in which the stadium was officially named Macklin Field, boosting the capacity to 26,000. The 1948 enlargement raised the total to 51,000.

After 9,000 new seats upped the capacity to 60,000 in 1956, the upper decks were added to the east and west stands in 1957, bringing the capacity to 76,000. It also became Spartan Stadium that year. Renovations during the summer of 1994 improved sight-lines and comfort for fans, while reducing the capacity to 72,027.

On Oct. 6, 2001, Spartan Stadium added another chapter to its storied history as a then world-record crowd of 74,554 attended the MSU-Michigan outdoor hockey game.

Michigan State has compiled a 373-163-13 record (.691) since taking up residency in Spartan Stadium (formerly Macklin Field) in 1923. The Spartans have gone undefeated at home 20 times since the stadium opened in 1923, including four times under former MSU head coach Mark Dantonio (2010, 2011, 2013, 2015). In addition, Michigan State has suffered only one home loss during a season 30 times. Under Dantonio, the Spartans went 67-24 (.736) in home games (2007-19), including a 15-game winning streak (7-0 in 2010, 7-0 in 2011, won first game in 2012) and a 12-game winning streak (7-0 in 2013, won first five in 2014), which rank second and tied for third longest, respectively, in Spartan Stadium history. Michigan State's longest home winning streak at Spartan Stadium is 19 games from Oct. 14, 1950, through Nov. 21, 1953.





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